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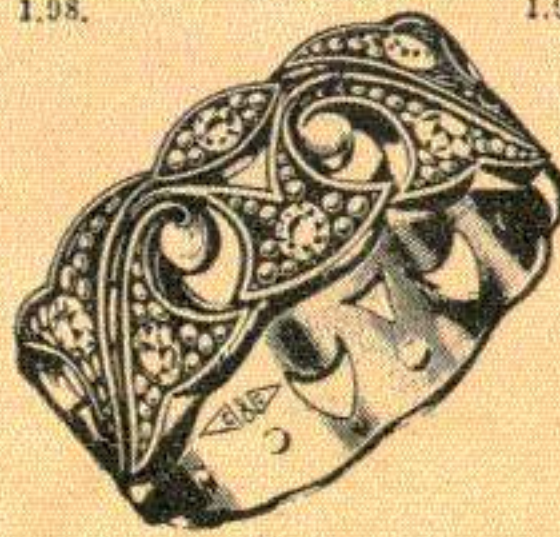
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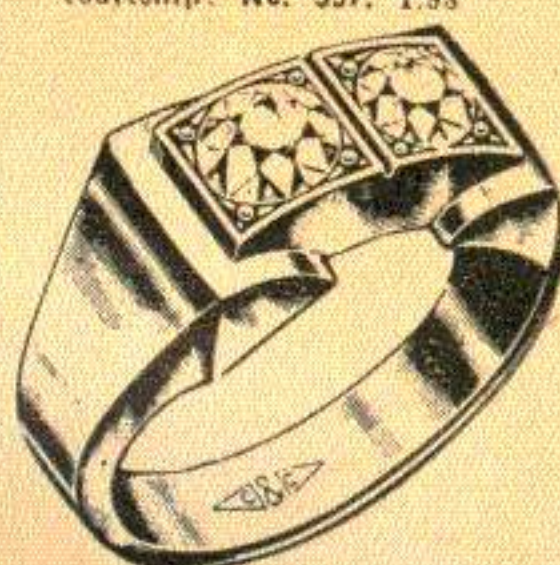
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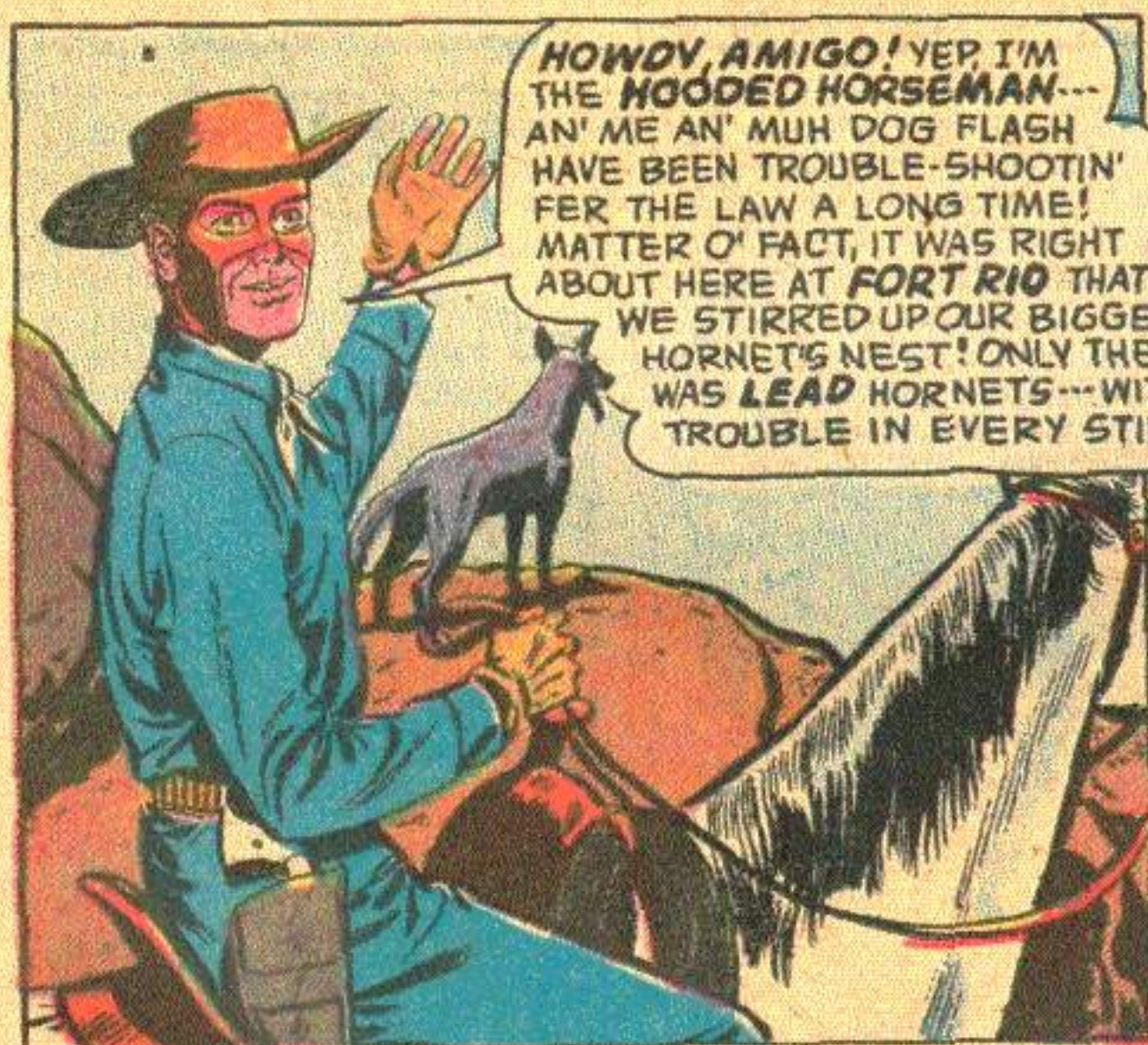
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INJUNS ON THE PROUD! AS THE DREAD CRY SWEEP ALONG THE FRONTIER, WOMEN AND CHILDREN FLED FOR SAFETY---AND MEN TOOK UP THE GRIM VIGIL, WONDERING WHEN THE COMANCHES WOULD STRIKE! AND THEY BREATHED A SILENT PRAYER FOR THAT MYSTERIOUS RIDER, THAT MASKED DAREDEVIL OF WHOM THEY KNEW LITTLE---SAVE THAT HE FOUGHT WITH BLAZING COURAGE ON THE SIDE OF LAW AND ORDER---AND HIS NAME WAS

# The HOODED HORSEMAN!



HOWDY, AMIGO! YEP, I'M THE HOODED HORSEMAN---AN' ME AN' MUH DOG FLASH HAVE BEEN TROUBLE-SHOOTIN' FER THE LAW A LONG TIME! MATTER O' FACT, IT WAS RIGHT ABOUT HERE AT FORT RIO THAT WE STIRRED UP OUR BIGGEST HORNET'S NEST! ONLY THESE WAS LEAD HORNETS---WITH TROUBLE IN EVERY STING!

IT STARTED ON THE DAY I SPOTTED A TROOP RIDIN' INTO THE FORT---

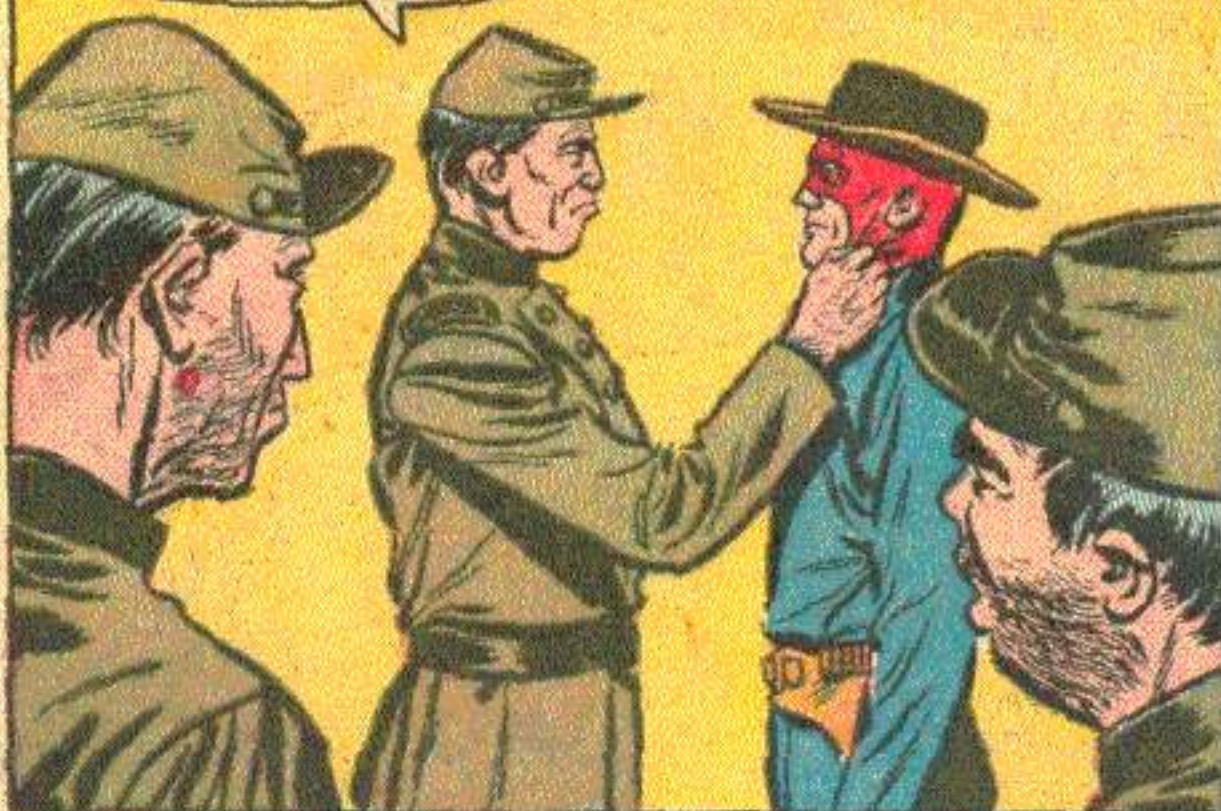
CAVALRY! THAT'S MIGHTY STRANGE ---FORT RIO'S BEEN ABANDONED FER YEARS! RECKON I'LL AMBLE DOWN AND SEE WHUT'S COOKIN'!





RIGHT FROM THE START, I RAN INTO TROUBLE... A CATANKEROUS LIEUTENANT, WITH TEMPER IN HIS EYE!

ASKIN' QUESTIONS OF THE ARMY, EH? SAY, MAYBE YOU'RE A SPY! TAKE OFF THAT MASK AND LET'S HAVE A LOOK AT YUH!



MUH MASK AND MUH IDENTITY ARE MUH OWN BUSINESS... AN' WHEN I REFUSED, HE TRIED USIN' FORCE! IT TOOK A MIGHTY STIFF WALLOP TUH CONVINCE THAT SHAVETAIL...

RECKON YUH NEED A LESSON IN MANNERS, FRIEND!

UGH!



STRIKE AN OFFICER, WILL YOU? ALL RIGHT, BOYS... SABRES!

AT EASE, MEN! WHAT'S GOIN' ON HERE?



THAT INTERRUPTION CAME JUST IN TIME! IN ANOTHER MINUTE, I'DA BEEN PUNCTURED LIKE A PIN CUSHION!

I SAW EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED, AND I'M SORRY FOR IT! I'M CAPTAIN TRACY... LIEUTENANT KRAGG IS NEW IN THESE PARTS, OR HE'D HAVE HEARD OF THE HOODED HORSEMAN!

SORRY ABOUT THE FRACAS, CAP'N! I JUST RODE IN TUH SEE WHUT BRINGS THE CAVALRY TO FORT RIO!



GUESS I CAN LET YOU IN ON IT, HORSEMAN! THERE'S TALK OF THE COMANCHES GOIN' ON THE PROD! FORT RIO'S BEING REACTIVATED!

FUNNY... I AINT HEARD OF ANY INJUN TROUBLE LATELY!... WELL, I'M HEADIN' FOR RIMROCK CREEK! I'LL SEND WORK IF I SEE ANY TROUBLE BREWIN'!



RIMROCK CREEK, EH? THAT'S JUST WHERE THE INJUNS ARE REPORTED RAISIN' NED! I WAS ABOUT TO LEAD A PATROL THAT-A-WAY... CARE TO RIDE WITH ME, HORSEMAN?

GLAD TO OBLIGE, CAP'N!



THAT KRAGG HOMBRE LOOKED KINDA WORRIED AS I MOUNTED! AND I'DA BEEN EVEN MORE WORRIED IF I'DA HEARD HIS PALAYER WITH THE CAP'N!

I TELL YUH, TRACY, RELAX, I DON'T LIKE KRAGG! JUST HAVIN' THIS HORSE... MAKE THE MAN CHARACTER... ARRANGEMENTS AROUND! HE'S I ORDERED! BAD MEDICINE! I DON'T WANT ANY SLIP-UPS!



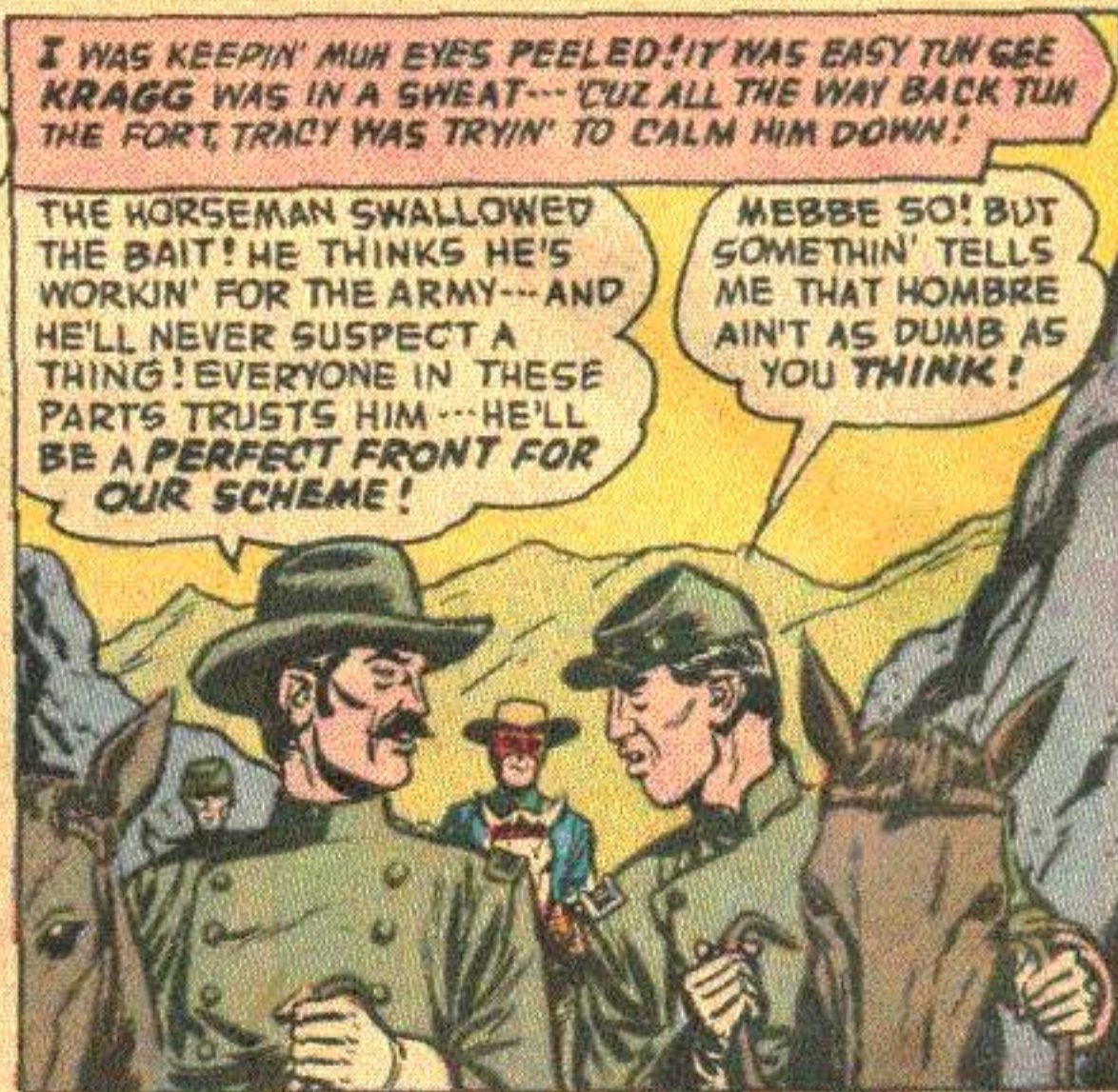
I'D FIGGERED THIS INJUN TROUBLE WAS JUST TALK, BUT ABOUT TEN MILES OUT...

A RANCH... BURNED TUH THE GROUND!

NO ONE AROUND! RECK-ON THOSE CO-MANCHE DEVILS FINISHED 'EM OFF!









LOOKIN' AT THEIR DOCUMENTS JEST ABOUT  
TOOK THE WIND OUTA MUH SAILS! WHY,  
THAT KRAGG HOMBRE WAS EVEN A  
HERO!

A CITATION  
FOR VALOR—  
FROM GENERAL  
CUSTER! RECKON  
I HAD YUH ALL  
WRONG, KRAGG!

NO HARM DONE,  
HORSEMAN! DON'T  
BLAME YUH FOR  
BEIN' CARE-  
FUL!



I RECKON  
THAT SETTLES  
IT, CAP'N! YUH  
GIVE THE  
ORDERS AND  
I'LL FOLLOW  
'EM!

GOOD! REMEMBER,  
I WANT EVERY SETTLER  
WARNED OUTA THIS  
TERRITORY—AND  
EVERY BIT OF WEALTH  
COLLECTED, SO THAT  
WE CAN KEEP IT FROM  
THE COMANCHES!



BELIEVE ME, AMIGOS, COLLECTIN'  
ALL THAT GOLD, GREENBACKS AN'  
JEWELS WAS NO CINCH! I HAD  
TUH DO SOME TALL TALKIN'—

I AIN'T HEARD  
OF INJUN TROUBLE,  
BUT IF THE HORSE-  
MAN VOUCHES  
FER IT, I'LL TURN  
OVER THE BANK'S  
MONEY TO THE  
ARMY!

AN' I'LL SPREAD  
THE WORD TO  
START MOVIN'  
OUT OF THE  
TERRITORY!



IT WAS SURE MIGHTY FLATTERIN' TUH  
SEE HOW THE PEOPLE TRUSTED ME!

MUH FAMILY'S PACKED  
AN' READY TUH MOVE  
OUT! I'M RELYIN' ON  
YOU AN' THE ARMY  
TO WATCH MUH  
STOCK OF  
JEWELRY!

THE  
LIEUTENANT  
WILL SIGN THE  
RECEIPT,  
PARDNER!



WAL, I GUESS  
WE'VE WARNED  
THE WHOLE  
TERRITORY,  
KRAGG! EVERYONE'S  
ON THE MOVE  
HEADIN' FOR  
SAFETY!

YEH, AN'  
WE'D BETTER  
MAKE FER THE  
FORT WITH THIS  
WAGON! CAP-  
TAIN TRACY'LL  
BE ANXIOUS  
TO SEE US!



I WAS PATTIN' MUHSELF ON THE BACK  
FER DOIN' A GOOD JOB WHEN SOME-  
THIN' HAPPENED TUH CHANGE THE  
WHOLE PICTURE!

A PANTHER!  
WATCH IT,  
KRAGG!

NO  
NO!  
HELP!



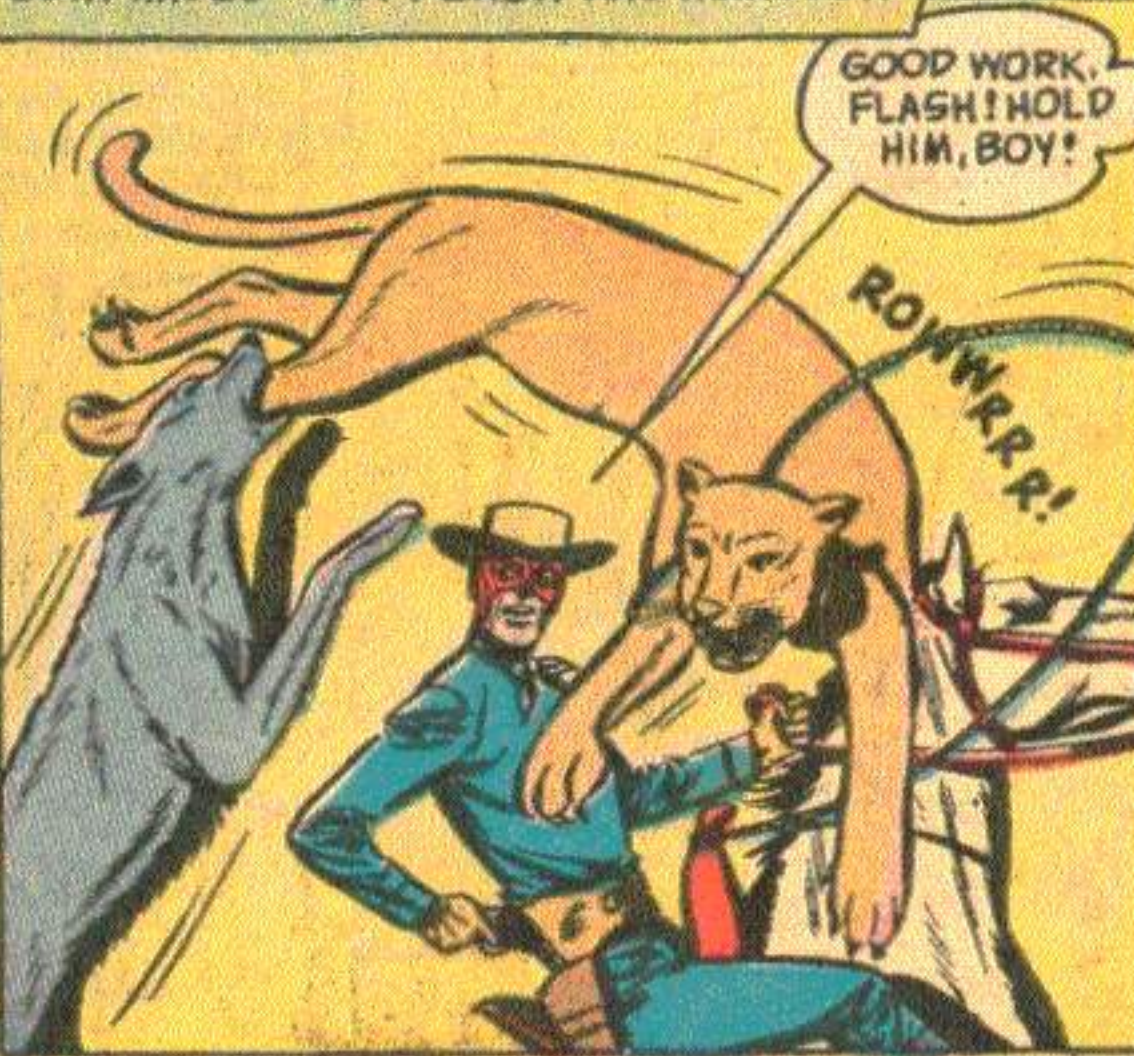
YESSIR, FOLKS! AT THE SIGHT OF THAT CATAMOUNT, OUR  
BRAVE LIEUTENANT STARTED SCREAMIN' LIKE A SCHOOL-  
MARM! I MADE A QUICK ROPE TOSS—

EEEE!  
GET HIM  
OFFA  
ME!



THAT CAT TURNED IN MIDAIR AN' CAME AT ME LIKE A BAT  
OUTA HADES— BUT FLASH WAS THAR FUST!

GOOD WORK,  
FLASH! HOLD  
HIM, BOY!













'COURSE, IT TOOK A BIT OF ENCOURAGEMENT  
---BUT BEFORE LONG, I GOT MY "COMANCHE"  
TO TALK---

THEM ARMY UNIFORMS AN' THE INJUN  
SCARE WAS JUST A SCHEME TUH LOOT  
THIS WHOLE TERRITORY! THEY WUZ  
PLAYIN' YUH FER A SUCKER  
ALL THE TIME,  
HORSEMAN!

IT WASN'T ALL  
A FAKE, HOMBRE!  
THAT DISPATCH RIDER  
I SAW WAS MIGHTY  
DEAD!



YEAH---HE WAS A RANCHER THAT GOT  
KILLED WHEN TRACY BURNED DOWN  
HIS SPREAD!

I GET THE PICTURE,  
HOMBRE! AN' NOW YUH'RE  
GONNA TELL ME WHAR  
I CAN FIND TRACY---  
SAVVY?



I'LL TALK, HORSEMAN! I WAS TUH  
MEET TRACY AND THE OTHERS AT  
THE GOLD EAGLE PLACER MINE!  
THAT'S THE LAST PLACE THEY'RE  
CLEANIN' OUT!

ALL RIGHT, AMIGO!  
NOW, GET ON YORE  
HOSS---WE'RE GOIN'  
FER A RIDE!



I NEEDED HELP TUH TACKLE THE GANG, BUT THAT "INJUN"  
UPRISING HAD THE WHOLE POPULATION HEADIN' FER COVER!  
ROUNDIN' UP A POSSE WAS NO QINCH---

THAR'S A WAGON  
TRAIN HEADIN' OUT  
OF THE TERRITORY RIGHT  
NOW! I RECKON I CAN  
GET HELP DOWN  
THAR!



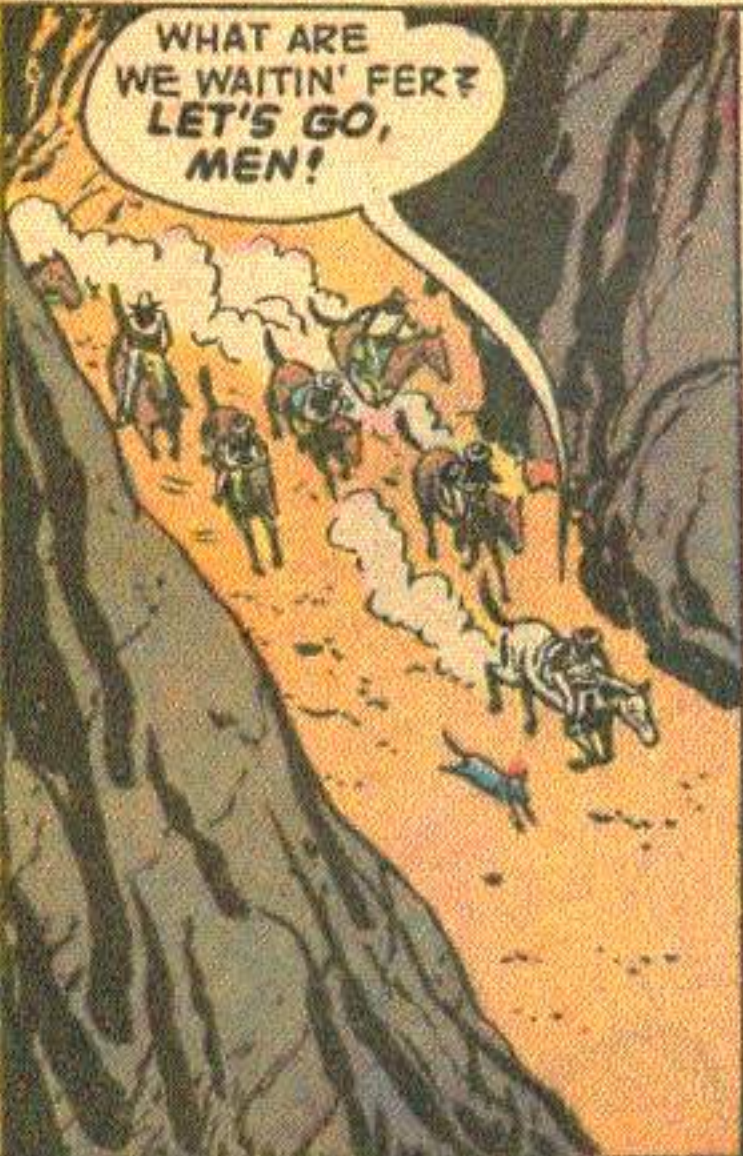
FIVE MINUTES OF FAST TALK AND I HAD FIFTY MEN BE-  
HIND ME---FIFTY MEN MAD AS HORNETS AND ITCHIN' FER  
ACTION!

THEM THIEVIN'  
COYOTES GOT FIVE  
THOUSAND DOLLARS  
OF MINE IN THAT  
WAGON!

THEY CLEANED  
ME OUT, TOO!



WHAT ARE  
WE WAITIN' FER?  
LET'S GO,  
MEN!



WE SWEEPED UP THAT TRAIL LIKE A  
PRAIRIE FIRE AND TRAPPED TRACY  
AN' HIS BUNCH! THEY WERE STILL  
COUNTIN' THEIR HAUL AT THE GOLD  
EAGLE PLACER MINE---

IT'S THE HORSE-  
MAN AND A POSSE!  
WE'RE CORNERED!



TRACY, WHAT'LL  
WE DO? WE  
HAVEN'T GOT  
A CHANCE!

WE'RE NOT  
FINISHED YET!  
HEAD FOR THAT  
NEST OF ROCKS  
UP THERE,  
BOYS!





AS AN ARMY CAPTAIN, TRACY WAS A PHONEY... BUT HE SURE KNEW HIS MILITARY TACTICS! THOSE ROCKS MADE A PERFECT FORT!

WE'VE GOTTA FIGGER A WAY OF GETTIN' 'EM OUTA THOSE ROCKS BEFORE NIGHTFALL, OR THEY'LL SLIP AWAY IN THE DARK!

BUT IT'LL BE SUICIDE CLIMBIN' THAT HILL! THEY'LL PICK US OFF LIKE FLIES!

I LOOKED AROUND FOR AN ANSWER... AND IT HIT ME RIGHT BETWEEN THE EYES!

THAT'S IT!... THE HYDRAULIC PUMPS THEY USE TUH WASH THE GOLD OUTA THE EARTH!

THE TURN OF A VALVE... AND THAT CONARNED MACHINE LET GO WITH THE ROAR OF A THOUSAND GRIZZLIES!

HOLD THAT HOSE, MEN! THOSE THIEVIN' COYOTES ARE GON-NA GET THE SUR-PRIZE OF THEIR LIVES!

THAT STREAM OF WATER SLICED THROUGH THEIR DEFENSES LIKE A HOT KNIFE THROUGH BUTTER! I COULD ALMOST SEE TRACY AN' KRAGG TURNIN' WHITE AT THE GILLS!

HELP! EEEYAH!

THEY'RE UNDER-MININ' THE ROCKS! WE'RE GOIN' INTO THE RIVER!

H-HELP!

THAT DOES IT, MEN! HERE COME THE RING-LEADERS!

MINUTES LATER WE WERE FISHIN' 'EM OUTA THE DRINK LIKE A PASSEL OF HALF-DROWNED RATS!

THOSE HOMBRES LOOK MIGHTY WET!

THAT'S RIGHT, HORSE-MAN! AN' WE'RE NOT FOR-GETTIN' IT WAS YOU WHO FINALLY SAW THROUGH THEIR SCHEME... AN' GOT US OUR PROPERTY BACK AGAIN!

WAL, AMIGOS, THAT'S HOW IT ENDED! AFTER ALL THE HARM THEY DONE, ROUNDIN' UP THOSE SIDEWINDERS WAS A PURE PLEASURE!

SO LONG PARNERS! DON'T FERGIT, I'LL BE SEEIN' YUH IN THE NEXT ISSUE... WITH ANOTHER ONE OF MUH SLAM-BANG STORIES, CROWDED WITH ACTION!

THE END!





**GEE! IT MUST HAVE  
TAKEN YEARS TO  
LEARN TO PLAY  
*LIKE THAT!***



***NOT AT ALL!* I DIDN'T KNOW  
A NOTE. YET I STARTED  
PLAYING WHOLE PIECES  
*RIGHT AWAY!***

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# PEACE-LOVIN' BLACKSMITH

LUKE CONNORS RUBBED his stubbly chin with the back of his grimy hand and glinted menacingly around the crowded saloon. "So that new blacksmith's one o' them peace-lovin' birds, eh?" he snorted. "That means he don't belong in THIS town. Reckon I'll mosey over an' boot him on his way!"

The saloon cleared swiftly as a crowd gathered to watch what they hoped would be a real ruckus. There hadn't been one in the lawless town of Coffin Flats for nearly two days. The cowpokes didn't know what to make of the newcomer, Jeff Scott. He was a tall, rawboned man with graying hair, hard, bulging muscles, and steel blue, fearless eyes. But in the week he'd been in Coffin Flats the townsfolk had learned that he was a hard worker, a non-drinker, and a church goer...and, he couldn't be provoked into a fight.

"Why don't you fergit it, Luke?" said one of the older cowpokes. "That feller is just mindin' his own business."

"And you mind YORES!" sputtered Connors, slamming his fist wrist-deep into the cowpoke's soft belly. The stricken man collapsed writhing in the dust.

Jeff Scott had seen the incident from his blacksmith's shop across the way. He felt the crawl of anger along his spine as the crowd approached. In a moment the two men faced each other across the glowing forge. "You shouldn't have done that," said Jeff, with a strong effort to keep his voice clam. "That man didn't mean no harm."

Luke Connors threw his head back and laughed. The men who knew him best shuddered. It was a wicked laugh, the kind they had heard just before Luke shot down the young Phillips brothers. Suddenly the laugh stopped, with chilling abruptness. "They say yuh won't fight," sneered Connors, "an' I see yuh don't pack shootin' irons. You skeered o' gunplay?"

"No," said Jeff slowly. "But I've learned that lead slingin' never settles

anything. I aim to live in this town WITHOUT carryin' guns...peacefully!"

"That's what YOU think, pardner!" roared Luke. "But you're gettin' out o' this town, PRONTO!" Jeff pursed his lips and met Connors' fierce gray eyes. Suddenly, Luke whipped both pistols from his holsters and pointed to a can in the middle of the street. "Yuh see that?" he shouted. "Now watch, and then...VA-MOOSE!" Six shots rang out, each followed instantly by the clang of lead against tin. The men whistled softly as the can kicked and sputtered across the road. "That's SHOOTIN!" said Connors with a self-satisfied smirk. "Only one man in this territory can match that, and his name's LIGHTNIN' SMITH, the ex-sheriff o' Tombstone, but nobody's seen him in these parts fer years!"

"I heard about HIM," said one of the old-timers. "But Smith not only could MATCH that...he could hit a silver dollar six times after tossin' it in the air!" The men howled. "That's just TALK," said one. "Nobody here ever SEEN Smith in action!"

"I did," Everyone whirled as Jeff calmly fetched a silver dollar from his pocket. "Will anybody lend me a six-shooter?" It was quickly produced. The men watched hypnotized as the silver dollar spun into the sun. BANG! BANG! BANG! BANG! BANG! The shots split the hushed air like the lash of a bullwhip. When the coin dropped into the dust the men gathered quickly around to stare at the twisted bit of metal. "Crimpin' coyotes!" they chorused.

Suddenly Jeff grabbed Connors by the throat. "YOU'RE the one who's gettin' out o' town...and it better be FAST! And remember, LIGHTNIN' SMITH means whut he says, only now he calls himself JEFF SCOTT!"

The incredibly swift punch sent Luke reeling into the dust. He got up slowly, glanced swiftly at the doubled fists of the blacksmith, and started running for dear life.



DANGER STALKED ALONG THE RIDGES AND DEATH LURKED IN EVERY VALLEY! REDMAN HUNTED REDMAN IN THE BITTER, DEADLY FEUDS THAT WERE KILLING OFF THE BRAVEST WARRIORS AND THREATENED TO WIPE THE PROUDEST INDIAN TRIBES FROM THE FACE OF THE EARTH! SOMEONE HAD TO CALL A HALT TO THE TERRIBLE SLAUGHTER...AND THAT SOMEONE WAS...

# JOHNNY INJUN!

YIP-YIP!  
EEE-YIIIIIIII!

THE PEIGAN WAR CRY!  
IT'S...JOHNNY  
INJUN!



**JOHNNY INJUN!** THE OLD WEST RANG WITH THE FAME OF THE ORPHANED WHITE BOY WHOM THE INDIANS HAD RAISED! BUT THE ONE MAN WHO KNEW THE BOY'S TRUE WORTH AS A TRUSTED WARRIOR WAS JOHNNY'S FOSTER-FATHER, **RUNNING DEER**, CHIEF OF THE PEIGANS!

MY SON, BY THE WILL OF THE GREAT WHITE FATHER, I AND MY WARRIORS MUST RIDE TO FORT LINCOLN TO TALK PEACE WITH THE CROWS!

PEACE WITH THE CROWS? BUT THEY ARE OUR SWORN ENEMIES, MY FATHER!



TRUE, THE CROWS HAVE BAD HEARTS AGAINST US! BUT EACH YEAR, THE WARPATH COSTS BOTH SIDES MANY FINE WARRIORS! IF WE DO NOT MAKE PEACE WITH EACH OTHER, THE RED MAN WILL SOON DESTROY HIMSELF!

MY FATHER SPEAKS WITH WISDOM! YET, THE CROWS ARE NEVER SO DANGEROUS AS WHEN THEY TALK OF PEACE!





TRUE, MY SON! THAT IS WHY I LEAVE YOU AND THE YOUNGER BRAVES TO GUARD OUR CAMP! SHOULD THERE BE TROUBLE, YOU WILL HAVE OLD WHITE HORSE, THE MEDICINE MAN, TO ADVISE YOU!

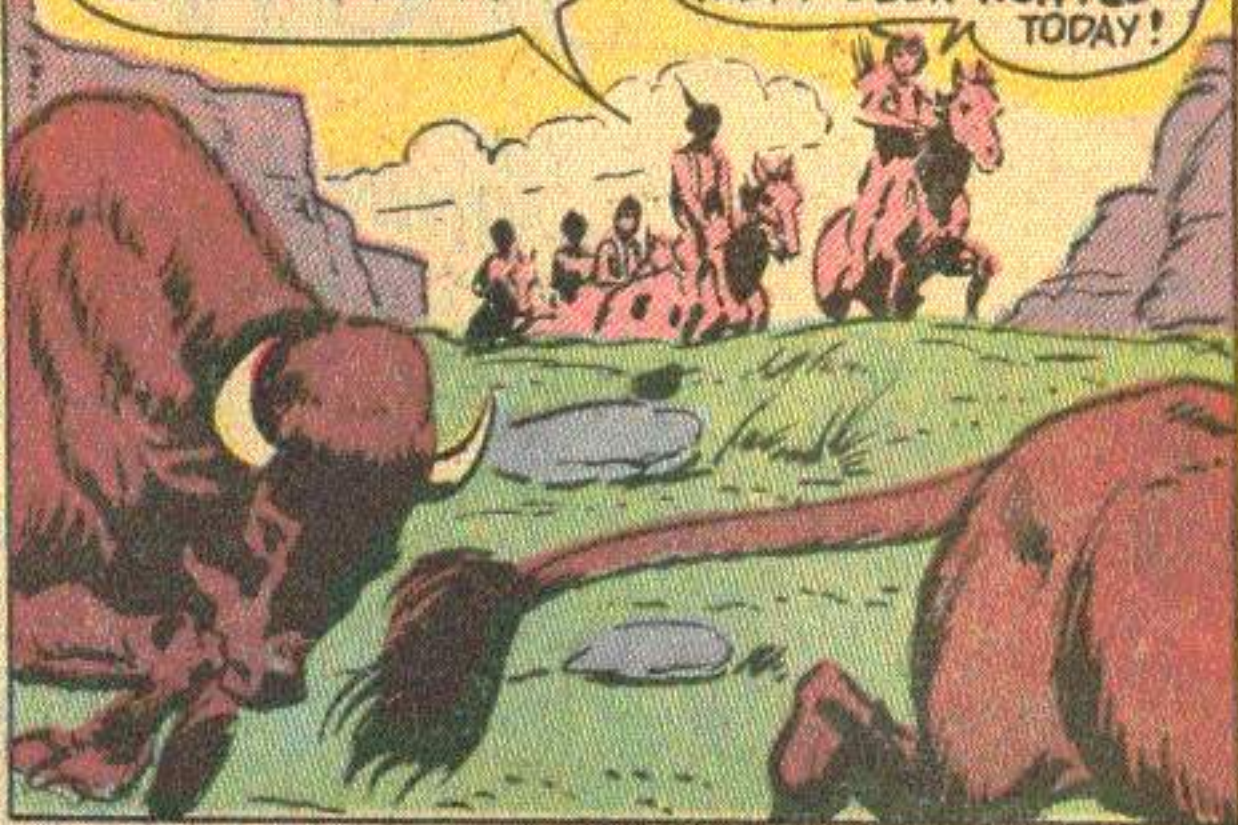
WE WILL GUARD THE VILLAGE WITH OUR LIVES, FATHER!



AS THE CHIEF'S FOSTER-SON, JOHNNY BORE GREAT RESPONSIBILITIES! ONE OF THEM WAS TO FEED THE PEIGAN CAMP IN HIS FATHER'S ABSENCE! AND SO THE YOUNG BRAVE LED A BUFFALO HUNT...

WE SHOULD GET PLENTY OF MEAT FOR THE CAMP FROM THIS HERD!

PERHAPS, BUT THE BUFFALO ARE RESTLESS! IT'S ALMOST AS IF THEY'D BEEN HUNTED TODAY!



HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE? OUR BRAVES HAVE NOT HUNTED BUFFALO FOR WEEKS!

THERE MAY BE STRANGERS ON OUR HUNTING GROUNDS! WE WILL HAVE TO STAY ALERT!

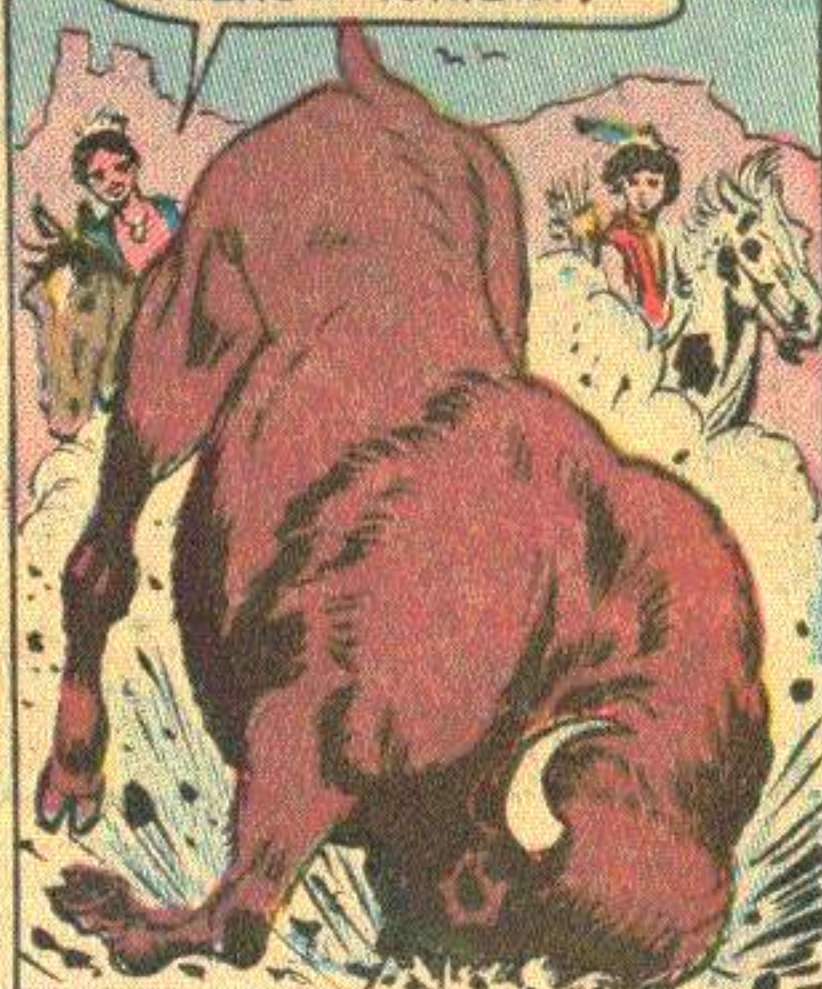


THE WAS TROUBLE IN THE AIR--BUT JOHNNY'S TASK WAS TO BRING MEAT BACK TO THE PEIGAN VILLAGE!

A FINE, FAT COW! BUT SHE RUNS SLOWLY!



GOOD HUNTING, JOHNNY! THERE WILL BE FEASTING IN THE VILLAGE TONIGHT!



IT HAD TAKEN JOHNNY BUT ONE ARROW TO KILL THE BUFFALO! BUT A MOMENT LATER, HIS SHARP EYE SPOTTED A SECOND FEATHERED SHAFT!

A CROW ARROW! THEN THAT IS WHY THE COW RAN SO SLOWLY!

WITH THE CROWS ON OUR HUNTING GROUNDS, IT IS NO WONDER THAT THE BUFFALOS WERE RESTLESS!



THE CROWS MAY COME TO SEEK THEIR KILL! WE WILL HIDE FROM SIGHT AND LIE IN WAIT FOR THEM!

GOOD! THIS DAY WE SHALL COUNT COUP ON OUR ENEMIES!



SURE ENOUGH, THE CROW WARRIORS SHOWED UP SOON AFTERWARD! BUT AS THEY PREPARED TO BUTCHER THE FALLEN COW...

PEIGAN BRAVES! WE ARE SURROUNDED!

STAND WHERE YOU ARE...OR OUR ARROWS CUT YOU DOWN!





THE CROWS PLEADED FOR MERCY---  
THEIR EYES SHIFTING ABOUT LIKE  
THOSE OF TRAPPED SNAKES---

OLD WHITE HORSE WAS WISE IN  
THE EVIL WAYS OF THE CROWS! AND  
THE PEIGAN LAWS WERE HARSH!

THOUGH JOHNNY WAS YOUNG, HIS DAR-  
ING EXPLOITS WERE MANY! THE  
PEIGAN'S LISTENED RESPECTFULLY---

MY LITTLE PEIGAN BROTHERS  
---YOU WILL NOT HARM US? WE  
WERE JOURNEYING TO THE  
PEACE COUNCIL WHEN WE  
RAN OUT OF FOOD! THAT IS  
WHY WE ENTERED YOUR  
HUNTING GROUNDS!

YOUR  
PUNISHMENT  
DOES NOT  
LIE IN OUR  
HANDS! WHITE  
HORSE, THE  
PEIGAN MEDICINE  
MAN, SHALL DECIDE  
YOUR FATE!

OUR ENEMIES, THE  
CROWS, HAVE TRESPASSED  
ON OUR HUNTING GROUNDS!  
BY OUR LAWS, DEATH  
IS THE PENALTY!

WAIT! IN  
THE NAME OF  
RUNNING  
DEER, MY  
FATHER, I  
WISH TO  
SPEAK!

WE ALL KNOW THERE MUST BE  
PEACE AMONG THE TRIBES  
IF THE RED MAN IS TO SUR-  
VIVE! EVEN NOW RUNNING  
DEER IS AT FORT LINCOLN,  
HOPING TO MAKE PEACE  
WITH THE CROW NATION!  
IF THESE HUNTERS ARE  
SLAIN, ALL HOPE OF FRIEND-  
SHIP WILL END!



THE SON OF RUNNING DEER SPEAKS  
WISELY! HE WILL MAKE A GREAT CHIEF  
SOMEDAY! LET THE CROW HUNTERS  
DEPART IN PEACE!

BUT TO THE CROWS, THE PEIGAN'S  
MERCY WAS A SIGN OF WEAKNESS!  
AS THEY LEFT THE CAMP---

SEE THE FINE  
HORSES THEY  
HAVE, MY  
BROTHERS!

IT IS A PITY!  
SUCH ANIMALS  
ARE TOO GOOD  
FOR THESE SOFT-  
HEARTED  
SQUAWS!

OUR ENEMIES HAVE BROUGHT  
MUCH SHAME ON US TODAY! BUT  
I THINK I KNOW A WAY TO RE-  
PAY THEM WELL!  
TONIGHT WE WILL  
RETURN TO STEAL  
THEIR HORSES!

IT SHOULD  
BE EASY, MY  
BROTHER--  
WITH ONLY A  
FEW BOYS  
GUARDING  
THE HERD!



THE  
CROWS  
WERE THE  
MOST ADEPT  
HORSE  
THIEVES ON  
THE PLAINS  
---AND THAT  
NIGHT THEY  
PROVED  
THEIR SKILL  
ONCE MORE!  
IN DEADLY  
SILENCE,  
THEY  
CLUBBED  
THE  
GUARDS---

POW!



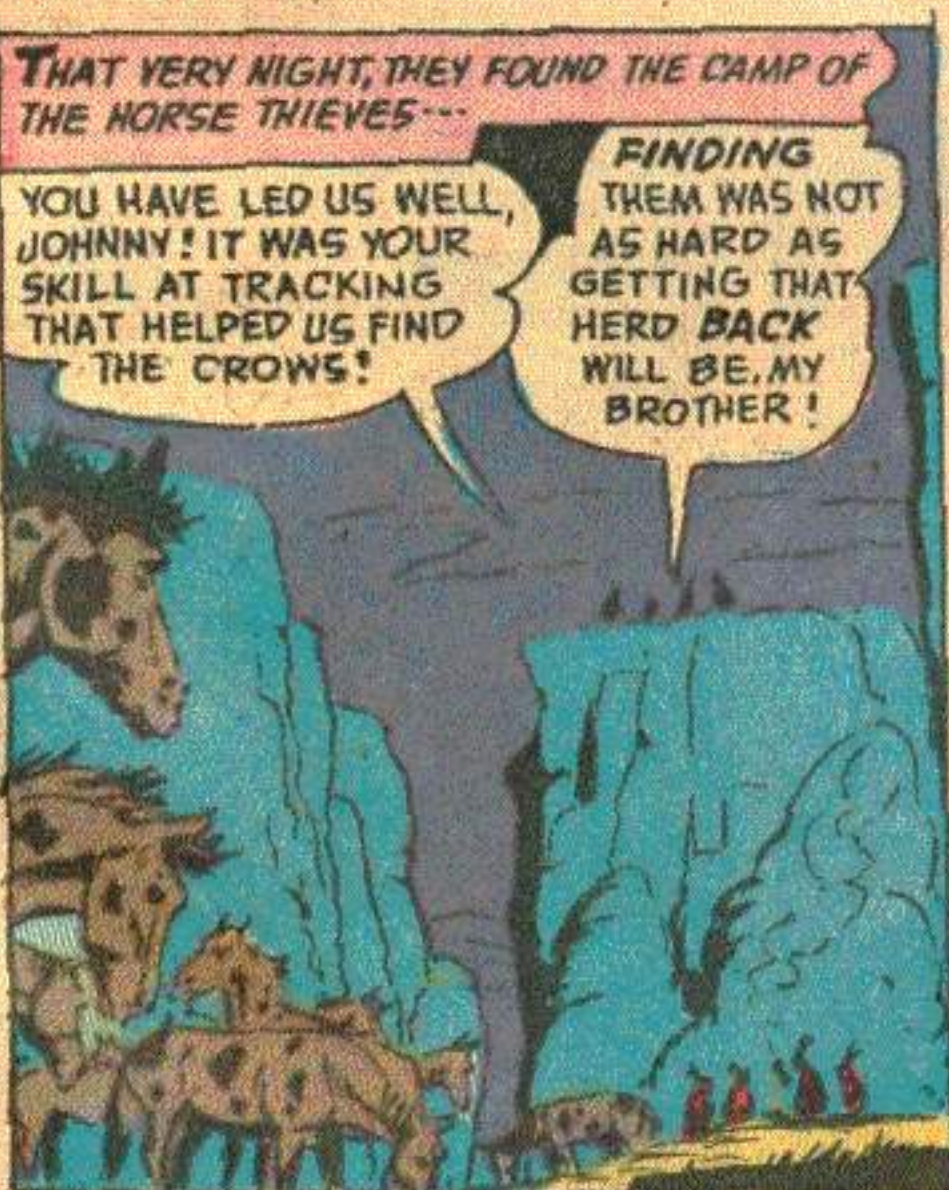
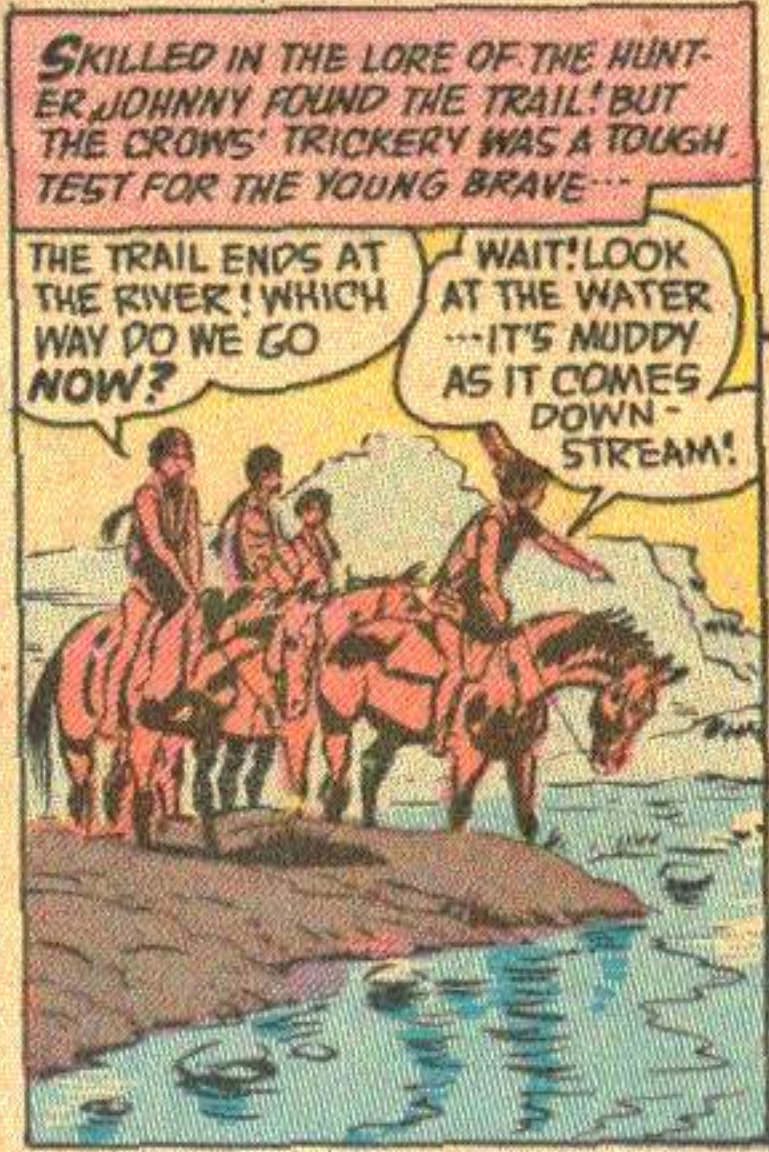
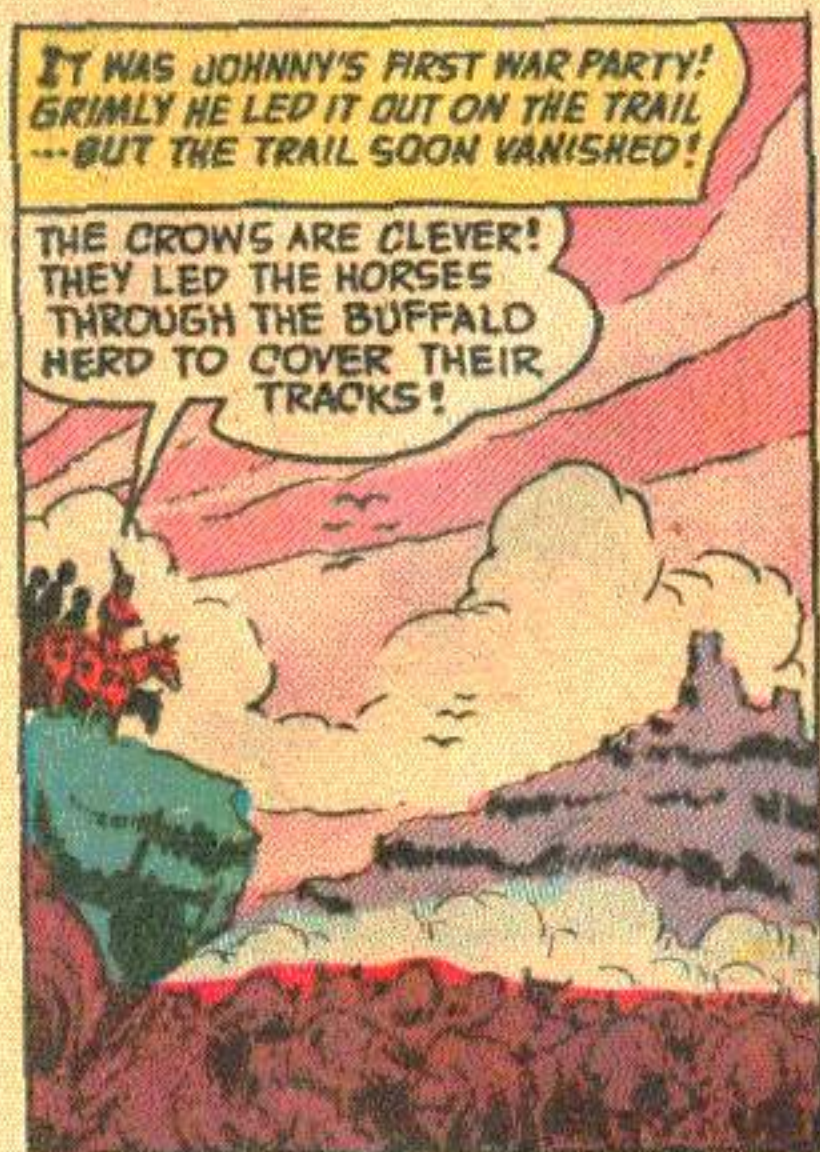
--- AND LED THE PEIGAN HERD INTO THE DARKNESS!

FIVE HUNDRED HORSES!---  
AND THE PEIGAN CAMP STILL  
SLEEPS!

THIS WILL MAKE  
A LAUGHING STOCK  
OF THEM!















NO! THE HORSES ARE **NOT** LOST! COME WITH ME AND BRING THE CAPTIVES... I HAVE SOMETHING TO **SHOW** YOU!



THIS CANYON ENDS IN A **BLANK WALL**! I SAW THAT WHEN I SCOUTED THE RIMROCK! I **KNEW** THE HORSES WOULD BE TRAPPED DOWN THERE!

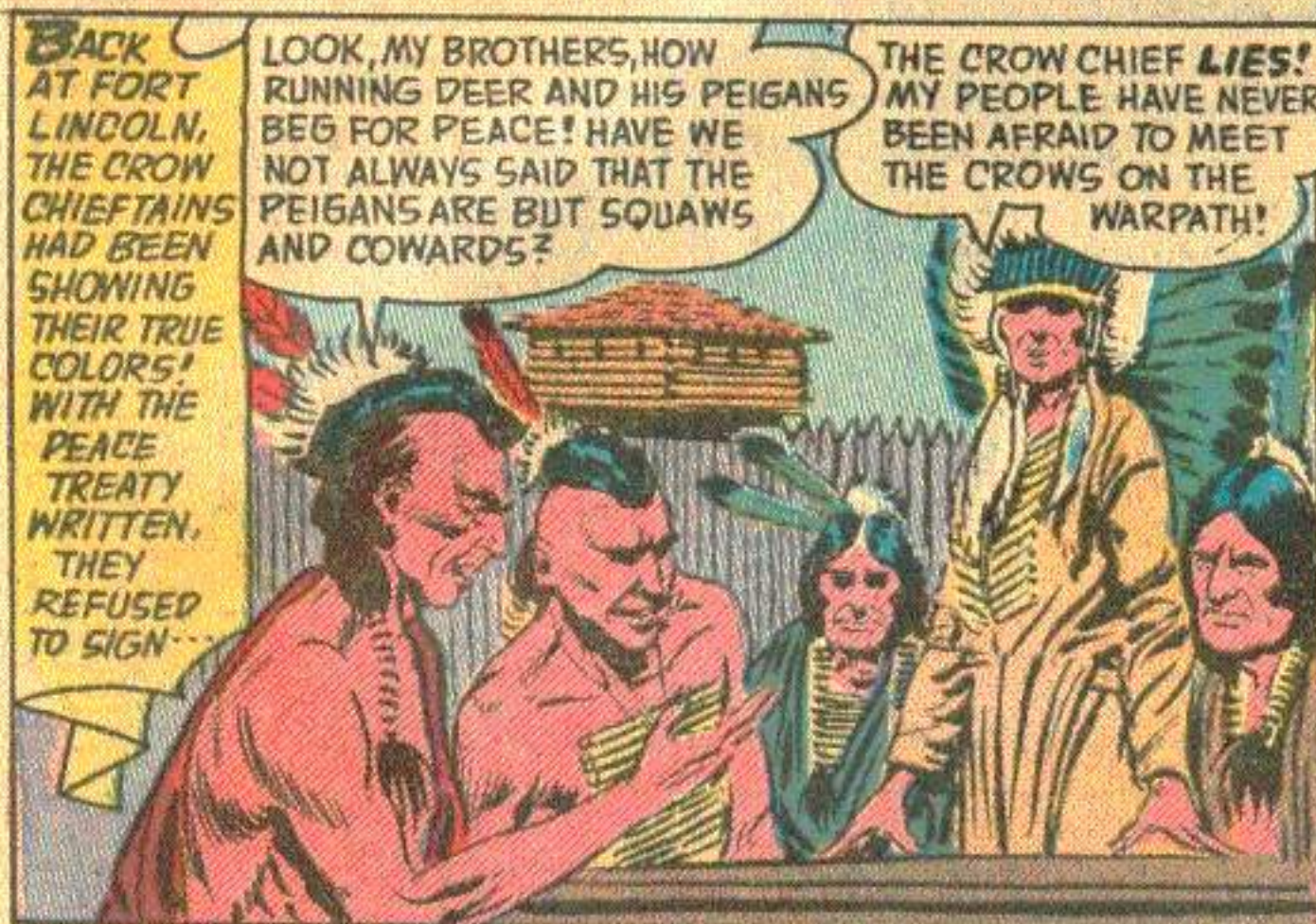
YOU PLAN WELL, JOHNNY INJUN! WE ARE **PROUD** TO HAVE YOU LEAD US!



WITH **FALSE** COURAGE, THE CROWS TRIED TO **BLUFF** THEIR CAPTORS, BUT...

AND WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO WITH **US**? IF YOU MEAN TO KILL US, GO AHEAD! WE ARE NOT AFRAID TO **DIE**!

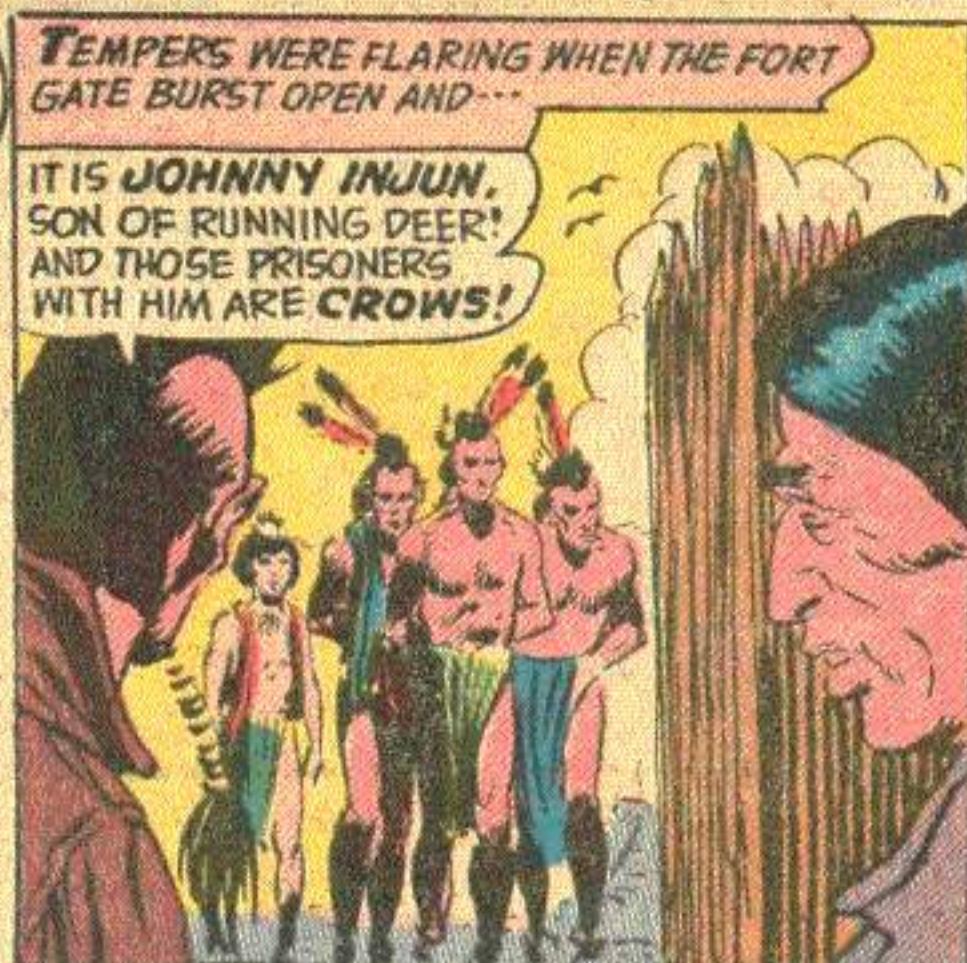
YOU ARE NOT **WORTHY** TO DIE BY A PEIGAN ARROW! WE HAVE **OTHER** PLANS FOR YOU, MY FRIENDS!



**BACK** AT FORT LINCOLN, THE CROW CHIEFTAINS HAD BEEN SHOWING THEIR TRUE COLORS! WITH THE PEACE TREATY WRITTEN, THEY REFUSED TO SIGN...

LOOK, MY BROTHERS, HOW RUNNING DEER AND HIS PEIGANS BEG FOR PEACE! HAVE WE NOT ALWAYS SAID THAT THE PEIGANS ARE BUT SQUAWS AND COWARDS?

THE CROW CHIEF **LIES**! MY PEOPLE HAVE NEVER BEEN AFRAID TO MEET THE CROWS ON THE WARPATH!



TEMPERS WERE FLARING WHEN THE FORT GATE BURST OPEN AND...

IT IS **JOHNNY INJUN**, SON OF RUNNING DEER! AND THOSE PRISONERS WITH HIM ARE **CROWS**!



**BRIEFLY, PROUDLY, JOHNNY TOLD HIS STORY! THEN...**

...THEN WHEN THESE CROW THIEVES STOLE OUR HORSES, I AND THE OTHERS HUNTED THEM DOWN LIKE THE COYOTES THEY ARE!

THOSE WARRIORS WERE AMONG THE BEST OF MY PEOPLE!

JOHNNY'S EXPLOIT WAS TOO MUCH FOR THE CROW CHIEFS...

IF A MERE PEIGAN BOY CAN OUTSMART AND OUTFIGHT OUR BEST WARRIORS, THEN IT IS BETTER THAT WE SIGN THE PEACE!

AND MAY THE CROWS AND PEIGANS LIVE IN FRIENDSHIP!

**YES, ONCE MORE JOHNNY INJUN HAD WON THROUGH! ONCE AGAIN HE HAD PROVED HIS RIGHT TO BE CALLED THE BRAVEST WARRIOR AMONG THE PEIGANS!**



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NOT THIS TIME, PARDNER! YOU WERE HURT IN OUR LAST RUCKUS, AN' YORE WOUNDS AREN'T HEALED YET! SO I'M A-LEAVIN' YUH WITH POP BAKER, HERE!



ANYWAY, IT'S GONNA BE AN EASY JOB! A COUPLE OF BAD ACTORS WHO DRY-GULCHED AN OLD PROSPECTOR FER HIS DUST---I'LL HAVE 'EM ROUNDED UP BY NIGHTFALL!



BUT YOU UNDERSTAND ONLY THAT HE'S GOING TO FACE DANGER ALONE! BY NIGHTFALL, YOUR PENT-UP RESTLESSNESS IS TOO MUCH TO CONTROL---

EASY, BOY!

DON'T TRY TUH TEAR THE DOOR DOWN! I TELL YUH THE HORSEMAN'S ALL RIGHT!

ROWRRR!



NIGHT COMES, AND WITH IT THE SUDDEN PREMONITION OF DISASTER! YOUR SIXTH SENSE WARNS YOU THE HORSEMAN'S IN TROUBLE! YOU'VE GOT TO GET TO HIM!

HEY! COME BACK HERE, YUH CONSERVED LOCO CRITTER!





YOUR KEEN SENSES PICK UP THE HORSEMAN'S TRAIL AT ONCE! ALL THROUGH THE NIGHT, YOU FOLLOW THE SCENT! MORNING FINDS YOU DEEP IN THE BADLANDS--



DANGER HAUNTS EVERY MILE OF THE TRAIL! YOU PASS A HERD OF JAVELINAS--THE MURDEROUS WILD PIGS OF THE SOUTHWEST--



WISE IN THE LORE OF THE WILD, YOU KNOW THOSE TUSKED DEVILS ARE BORN KILLERS--SO YOU GIVE THEM THE SLIP!



IT'S SOON AFTERWARD THAT YOU HIT THE TRAIL'S END! YOU SPOT THE HORSEMAN--AND YOUR WORST FEARS ARE REALIZED! HE'S BOUND--A PRISONER!

WE KNEW YOU'D BE A-COMIN' AFTER US FER ROBBIN' THAT OLD SOURDOUGH--SO WE SET A TRAP FER YUH! AN' YUH'RE NOT GETTIN' OUT OF IT ALIVE, HORSE-MAN!



YOUR BLOOD SEETHES WITH A TERRIBLE HATRED! YET YOU'VE LEARNED ENOUGH OF MAN'S WAYS TO KNOW THAT YOU CANNOT ATTACK--OR THOSE GUNS WOULD CUT YOU DOWN!



SO YOU CHOKE DOWN YOUR GROWL AND THINK--THINK DEEP BACK IN YOUR SKULL WHERE THE CUNNING OF YOUR WOLF-LIKE ANCESTORS IS HIDDEN!



Then SOMETHING STIRS IN YOUR MEMORY! THE JAVELINAS! ONCE YOU HAD SEEN THOSE TUSKED KILLERS TACKLE A GRIZZLY--AND TREE HIM!



NOW THERE'S ENOUGH SAVVY IN YOUR CANINE HEAD TO FIGURE THAT THOSE WILD PIGS MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP YOU! YOU RACE BACK UP THE TRAIL, A HALF-FORMED PLAN IN YOUR BRAIN--





YOU FIND THE JAVELINAS AND DARE THEM TO CHARGE YOU... KNOWING THAT WHEN ENRAGED ENOUGH, THEY'LL FOLLOW YOU FOR MILES!



THEN YOU STAY JUST AHEAD OF THEIR SLASHING TUSKS AS YOU LURE THEM DOWN THE TRAIL...



WITH THOSE GRUNTING DEVILS CHASING YOU, YOU HEAD FOR THE HORSEMAN AND HIS CAPTORS!



ONE SET OF ENEMIES IS GONE, BUT ANOTHER IS THUNDERING DOWN ON THE HELPLESS HORSEMAN! ONCE MORE THE CHIPS ARE DOWN! ONCE MORE YOU LAY YOUR LIFE ON THE LINE AS YOU FACE THOSE SLASHING TUSKS!



IT LOOKS LIKE ONLY A MIRACLE CAN SAVE YOU AND THE HORSEMAN... BUT THEN THAT MIRACLE HAPPENS! THE JAVELINAS SPOT EASIER PREY!



YOUR GAMBLE HAS WON, BUT YOU'VE STILL SOME FAST WORK TO DO...



NOW ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS PICK UP THE RIFLES THOSE HOMBRES DROPPED, AND THEN WAIT UNTIL THE PORKERS GET TIRED OF TRYIN' TO CHAW DOWN THAT TREE!



AND THEN, YOUR MIGHTY HEART POUNDING WITH PRIDE, YOU TROT ALONG BESIDE THE HORSEMAN AS HE HERDS HIS PRISONERS BACK TO TOWN! ONCE AGAIN YOU'VE FACED DANGER AT THE HODDED HORSEMAN'S SIDE... AND ONCE AGAIN YOU'VE SEEN IT THROUGH... TOGETHER!





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# ROUNDUP TIME

GREETINGS, pardners! Sashay in, unhitch yore gun belts, put yore feet on the table and let's celebrate! The reason? Do we need a reason when all you readers, all you loyal fans of "*The Hooded Horseman*" come calling? No sir! Just settle back, and let's have a good old-fashioned talk fest! And since we editors are hosts, mind if we pick a subject for discussion? Here it is—two letters which we received relative to this great magazine of yours and ours. Here they are—and we'll save our comment on them until you've had time to digest them thoroughly.

"Dear Editor:—

Love that '*Hooded Horseman*'! It's the best western I've ever read, bar none. Great stories and drawings both—and the characters are truly wonderful. I like the line you gave the '*Hooded Horseman*'—he's the first guy with a mask that seems *human*! And a separate story for Flash, his dog, is fine by me. '*Johnny Injun*' is a good piece straight out of history, and I go for its Indian lore. And that '*Cowboy Sahib*' shows smart thinking by the editors, I'd say—it's the most *different* western I've ever read! Congratulations—and keep up the good work!

—Henry R. Babboni, Chicago, Ill."

"Dear Editor:—

I've just read my first issue of '*The Hooded Horseman*'. I find your mag interesting enough, but I've got a beef. What ever has happened to the good, old-fashioned western? They used to have heroes who could whip their weight in wildcats and shoot out a gnat's eye a mile away. Your characters just don't seem that way at all. And I like my stuff out west, where it belongs. Why ring in *India*—like you do in '*Cowboy Sahib*'?

—Marvin Beall, New York, N. Y."

All set? Okay! Well, getting a letter like that first one sure does things for your Editors—because *here's* a guy who understands what we're trying to do. We're striving for *human* characters—for the type of heroes that, under certain circumstances, could be you, me or the guy next door—people who live and breathe, that we can latch onto.

That's what makes the *Hooded Horseman* himself not just another unbelievable waddy in a mask. As for *Flash*—well, it seems a durned interesting thing to be able to see the world through the eyes of this loyal, fighting dog, and learn what makes him tick. Proceeding further, there's nothing quite so fascinating as authentic Indian lore—and it's a great thing to be able to present it in as interesting a story framework as "*Johnny Injun*" possesses. As for "*Cowboy Sahib*", blessings on reader Babboni, who saw right to the heart of the problem, and realized that what we were trying to introduce into the familiar western setting was a brand-new and challenging locale which would truly intrigue the reading public.

And now for reader Beall, whose criticisms, being sincere, are thoroughly welcome. If "good, old-fashioned western" means an accent on wooden and artificial heroes, that's not what we're after here. Yes, we want *real* fighting men, men who can give a good account of themselves against odds—but we've observed that the public is getting pretty tired of fairytales. Go back over the western heroes who actually *lived*—men like Buffalo Bill, Bat Masterson, Wyatt Earp. Nobody would ever doubt *their* prowess—but we've got our serious doubts about any one of them shooting out a gnat's eye a mile away, or single-handedly and in one engagement polishing off 516 Indians plus 477 badmen.

And so we'll continue to be responsive to our readers' intelligence. Our heroes will be he-men, waddies who can give a good account of themselves under any circumstances—not incredible stuffed dummies. We'll put them into stories that have the breath of life and high adventure about them—stories which we're convinced you'll like. But our success, in the final analysis, must always rest upon *your* reactions! So write and tell us how you like what we're doing, please! Address your letters to The Editor, "*Hooded Horseman*", 45 West 45th Street, New York 36, N. Y.



**I**N THE TEEMING SUB-CONTINENT OF INDIA, PLAGUED BY WILD BEASTS AND JUNGLE DISEASE, HAUNTED BY AGE-OLD FEAR AND SUPERSTITIONS, LAND OF UNTOLD WEALTH AND DARK MYSTERIES, THE NAME OF **COWBOY SAHIB** HAS BECOME A LEGEND TO RIVAL THE ANCIENT SAGAS! HOW AN AMERICAN BOMBER PILOT WON A REMOTE EMPIRE FROM A CRUEL SULTAN IN A GRIM POKER GAME HAS, LONG SINCE BECOME HISTORY-- BUT THE ENDLESS STRUGGLE GOES ON! HERE, READER, IS ONE OF **COWBOY SAHIB'S** GREATEST ADVENTURES!



**L**ARIJUNA, AN EMPIRE ON THE REMOTE NORTHERN BORDERS OF INDIA -- THE COURT OF JOE KING --



**K**RISHNA, THE MINISTER OF STATE, LED COWBOY JOE KING OUTSIDE, WHERE AN IMMENSE THROG CHEERED WILDLY --





JOE KING HAD LEARNED MUCH OF BAFFLING INDIAN CUSTOMS, BUT THIS WAS SOMETHING NEW--

HEAR, O PEOPLE OF LARIJUNA! COWBOY SAHIB'S WEIGHT IS 174 POUNDS PLUS 7½ OUNCES.

SIMMERIN' SAGEBRUSH! ALL THIS SETTIN' AROUND LATELY'S BEEN PUTTIN' LAZY FAT ON ME!



NEXT MOMENT, THE LOYAL SUBJECTS BEGAN EMPTYING BAGS OF JEWELS ON THE OTHER SCALE! DIAMONDS, EMERALDS, RUBIES AND PEARLS!

HOPPIN' HORNED TOADS, KRISHNA! WHAT'S GOIN' ON?

IT IS OUR AGE-OLD CUSTOM OF PAYING TAXES, GREAT ONE-- TO MATCH THE WEIGHT OF OUR RULER ONCE A YEAR!



COWBOY JOE PROTESTED, BUT--

YOU MUST ACCEPT, MASTER-- IT IS THE WILL OF OUR GRATEFUL PEOPLE!

WAL, SEEIN' AS HOW YUH FEEL-- BUT I'LL USE IT TUH IMPORT GOOD TEXAS LONGHORNS AN' GRAINS TUH IMPROVE THE NATIVE BREED HERE! TELL THE PEOPLE MUH DECISION.



SEVERAL DAYS LATER, COWBOY SAHIB CALLED UPON THE ROYAL JEWELER TO PICK UP AN EXACT DUPLICATE OF THE MYSTIC RING OF EMPIRE WHICH HE ALWAYS WORE---

IS THE ONLY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO THAT THE REAL ONE HAS THIS TINY INDIAN INSCRIPTION ON THE UNDERSIDE?

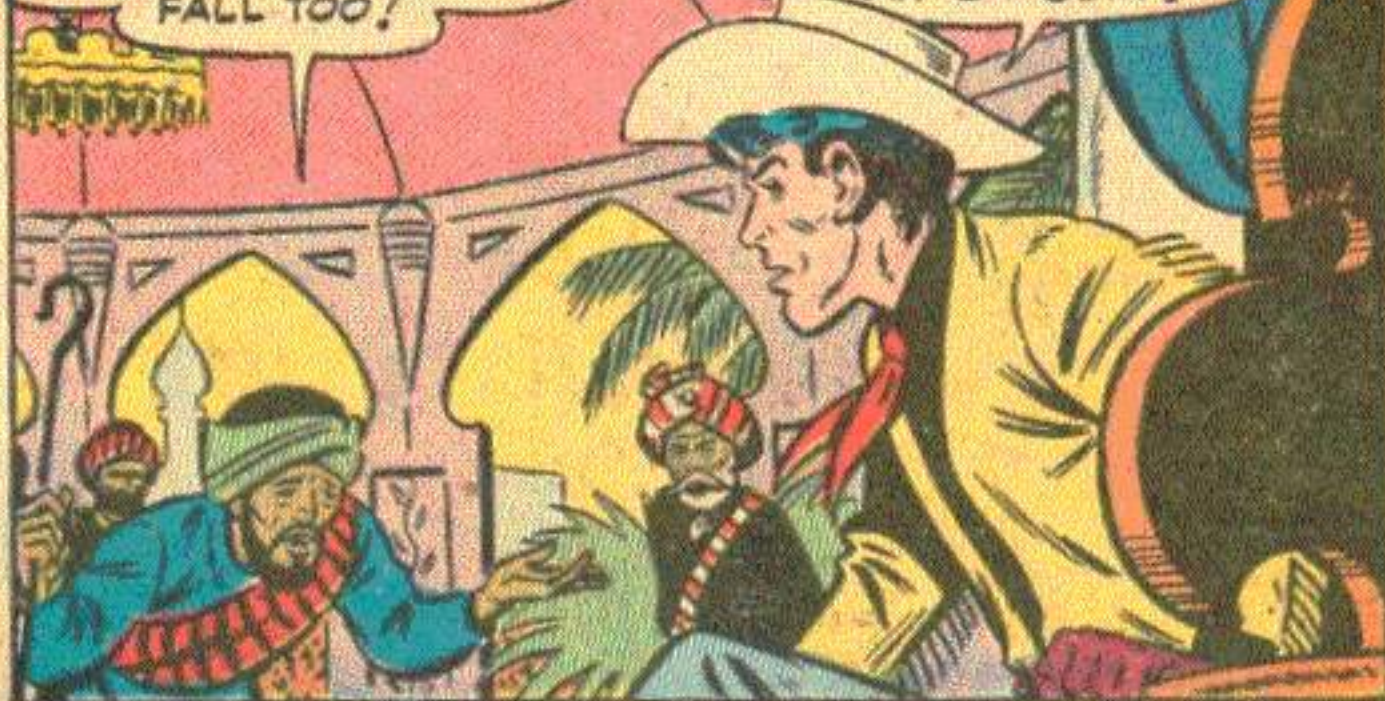
YES, I HAVE DONE AS YOU COMMANDED, GREAT ONE-- AND THIS SECRET WILL NEVER PASS MY LIPS!



WITH THE FALSE RING IN HIS POCKET, JOE KING FELT SAFER! FOR A SERIES OF DESPERATE MEN HAD TRIED TO WREST THE TRUE ONE FROM HIM, AND WITH IT THE RIGHT TO RULE LARIJUNA! WEEKS PASSED AND ALL WENT WELL! AND THEN ONE DAY, A DIRE TALE OF A STRANGE DISEASE WHICH WAS RAVAGING THE HERDS AT THE NORTHERN BOUNDARIES OF LARIJUNA---

NOT ONLY THE CATTLE SICKEN AND DIE, COWBOY SAHIB, BUT SHEEP AND WILD MOUNTAIN GOATS FALL TOO!

I RECKON THIS CALLS FOR A PUSSONAL LOOK-SEE! I'LL SADDLE MUH HORSE RAJAH AN' GIT GOIN'!



SOON AFTERWARDS---

SHUCKS, FELLERS, I DON'T NEED A BODYGUARD FOR THIS JOB!

THE NORTHERN BOUNDARIES OF LARIJUNA ARE VAGUE, MASTER! IT IS BORDERED THERE BY SANKARA, A GREAT EMPIRE CLOSED TO OUTSIDERS! THEY ARE WILD AND SAVAGE PEOPLE-- MUCH TO BE FEARED!



UP AND UP INTO THE MOUNTAINS THEY WENT, INTO EVEN WILDER AND MORE INACCESSIBLE COUNTRY, UNTIL A DEAD STEER WAS SIGHTED! COWBOY SAHIB'S SUNBURNED FACE PALED AND HIS LIPS WERE SET TIGHT---

THERE'S NO MISTAKIN' THE SIGNS! THIS CRITTUR DIED OF THE HOOF AND MOUTH DISEASE! WE DON'T HAVE A MINUTE TUH SPARE---WE'VE GOT TUH SHOOT EVERY COW AN' STEER IN SIGHT AN' BURY 'EM UNDER A COAT OF LYE!







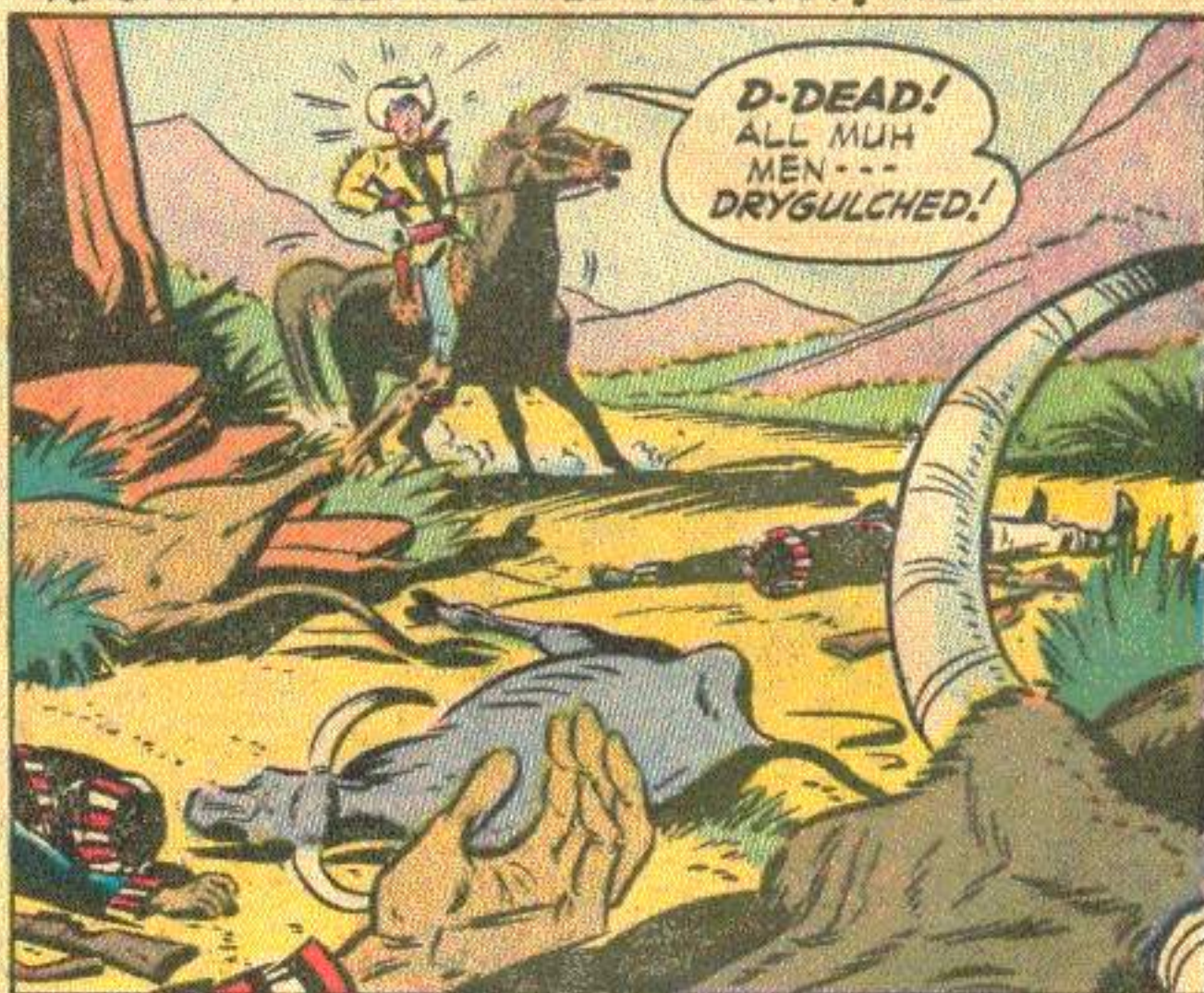
SOON AFTERWARDS, A LARGE HERD OF CATTLE WAS SPOTTED IN THE FAR DISTANCE ---



HE RODE OFF TO THE SOUND OF GUN-FIRE AND THE PITIFUL LOWING OF DYING CATTLE! MINUTES LATER, HE HEARD ANOTHER FLURRY OF SHOTS FROM BEHIND---AS IF A PITCHED BATTLE WAS BEING FOUGHT!



THE AIR WAS STILL AS THE MIGHTY STALLION RAJAH FINALLY REACHED THE SPOT! THEN ---





NEVER ABLE TO PULL HIS GUNS, HIS FISTS WERE A DEADLY DUO UNTIL SHEER NUMBERS OVERWHELMED HIM! THEN---



OKAY, YUH SIDEWINDERS! WHY DON'T YUH SHOOT ME LIKE YUH DID MUH MEN?

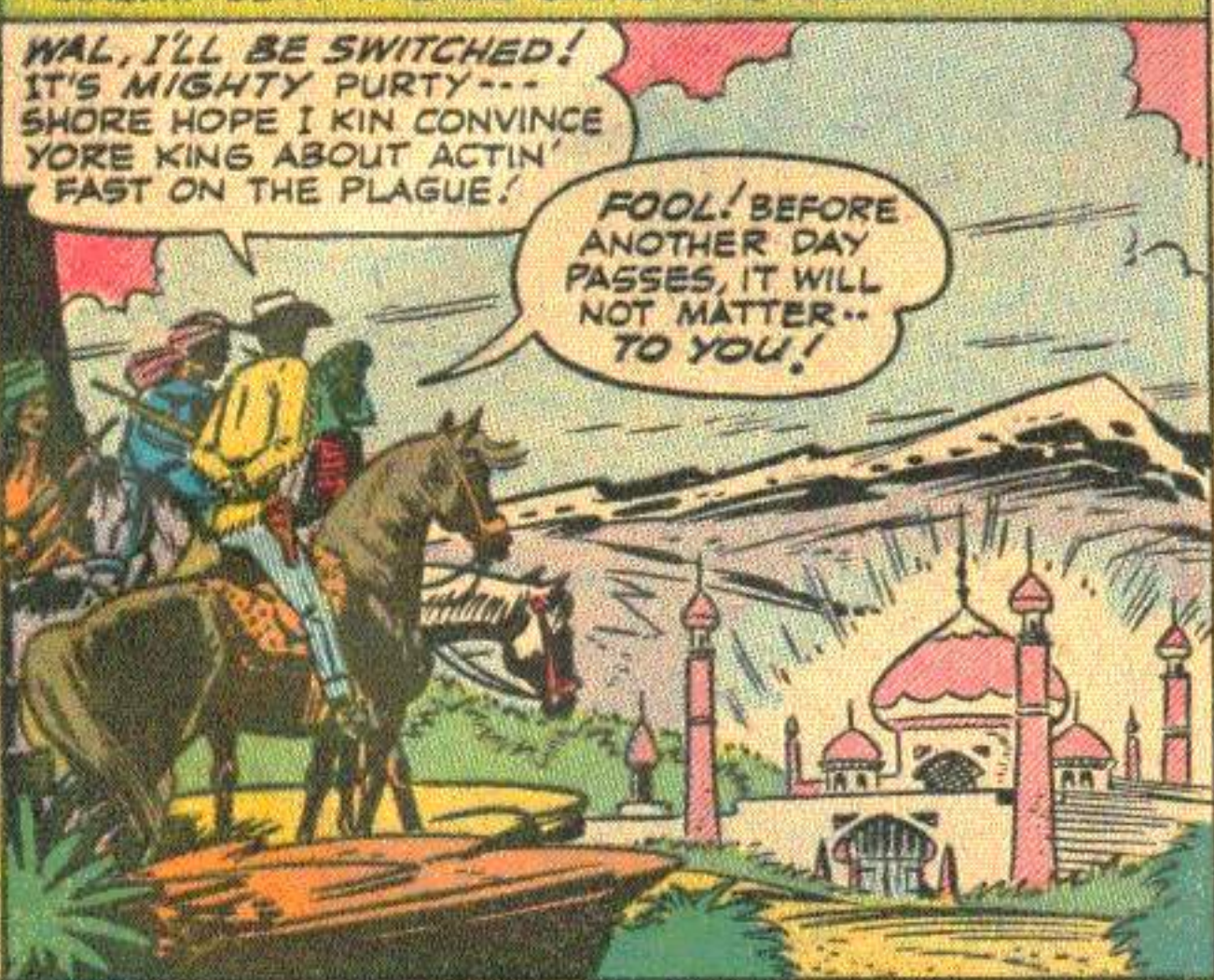
DO YOU NOT THINK WE HAVE HEARD OF THE GREAT COWBOY SAHIB? OUR RULER WILL BE PLEASED AT HAVING CAPTURED YOU ALIVE!

BOUND SECURELY BY THE SAVAGE-LOOKING NOWADS, COWBOY SAHIB HAD BUT ONE THOUGHT IN MIND---



GOOD THING I HAD THE FALSE RING IN MUH BACK POCKET! THIS WAY I CAN SLIP THE REAL ONE OFF EVEN NOW!

AFTER A HARD TWO-DAY RIDE, AN UNBELIEVABLY MAGNIFICENT PALACE CAME INTO VIEW---



WAL, I'LL BE SWITCHED! IT'S MIGHTY PURTY--- SHORE HOPE I KIN CONVINCE YORE KING ABOUT ACTIN' FAST ON THE PLAGUE!

FOOL! BEFORE ANOTHER DAY PASSES, IT WILL NOT MATTER-- TO YOU!

THROUGH FABULOUSLY BEAUTIFUL GARDENS AND COURTYARDS HE WAS PUSHED, UNTIL FINALLY-- HE CAME BEFORE THE THRONE OF THE RULER! THERE---



SUFFERIN' SASSAFRAS! IT--IT CAN'T BE!

HERE HE IS, HIGHNESS--- COWBOY SAHIB! WE CAUGHT HIS MEN SLAUGHTERING OUR CATTLE!

QUEEN RANI, ABSOLUTE RULER OF THE FIERCE SANKARANS, SMILED IN CRUEL ANTICIPATION---



LOOK, MA'AM, SEEIN' AS HOW YUH'RE THE BOSS OF THIS OUTFIT--- I HANKER TUH EXPLAIN ABOUT THEM CRITTURS---

SILENCE, FOOL-- BEFORE I ORDER, YOU LASHED LIKE A COMMON CRIMINAL! FOR TRESPASSING ON MY DOMAIN AND DESTROYING ROYAL PROPERTY, YOUR PUNISHMENT SHALL BE FITTING!

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IN A DANK AND GRIMY CELL, NEXT DAY---

SHORE WAS TOUGH SLEEPIN' WITH MUH ARMS TIED THIS WAY! WAL, NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS TUH ME, THAT SHE-DEVIL WON'T GIT LARIJUNA! NOT WITH THAT PHONEY RING SHE'S GOT!



ON YOUR FEET, PRISONER--YOUR TIME HAS COME!

DOWN A DARK PASSAGEWAY, WHILE THE SOUND OF MANY VOICES DREW NEAR--- THEN, INTO DAZZLING SUNLIGHT---



REMOVE HIS BONDS, GUARDS-- AND LEAD HIM FORWARD!

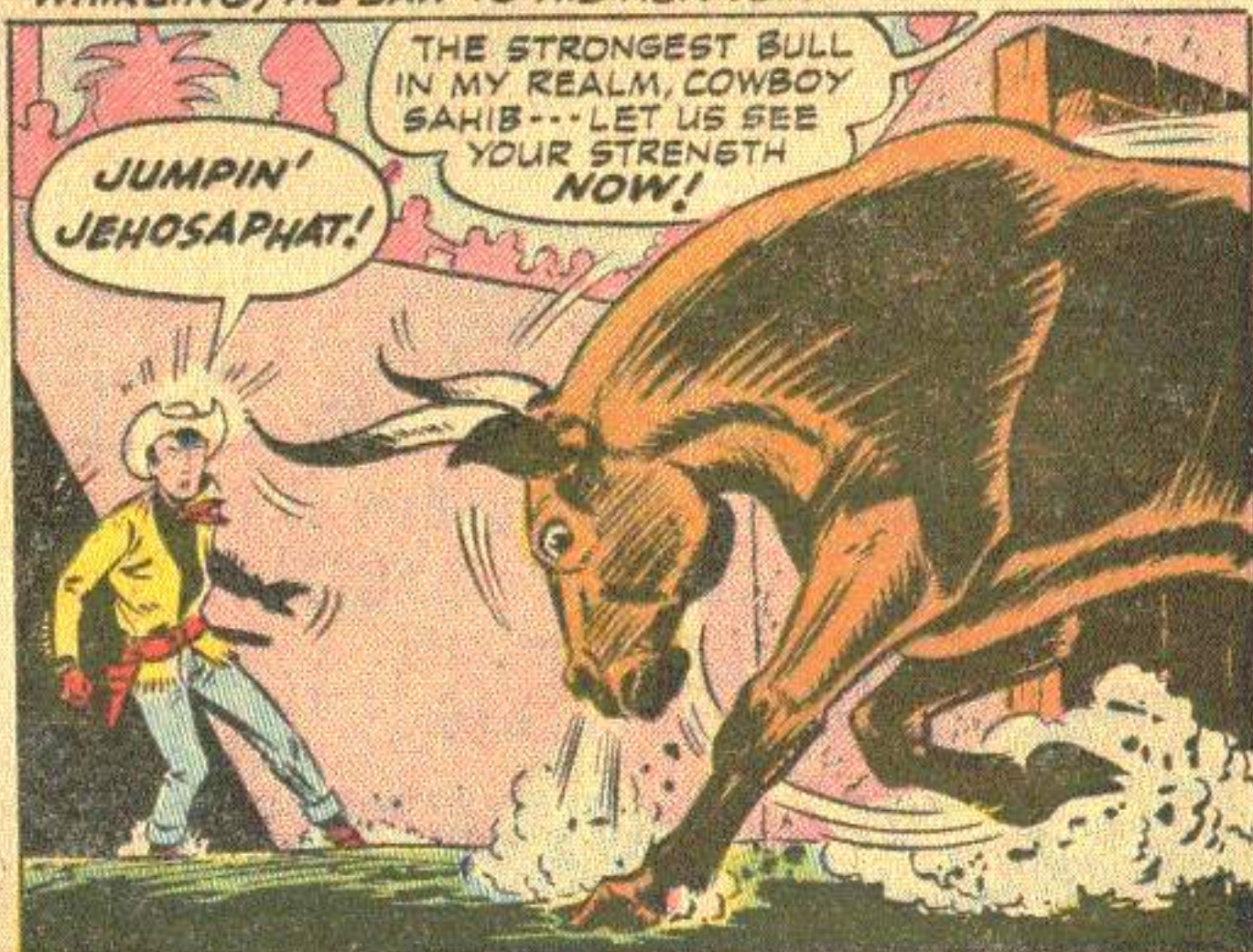
JUMPIN' JUNIPER!

MANY RUMORS HAVE COME TO US CONCERNING YOU, PRISONER--AND I MEAN TO JUDGE FOR MYSELF! PREPARE TO DEFEND YOURSELF!



I'M BETTIN' YUH'RE SET TUH ENJOY THIS!

SUDDENLY, THERE WAS A GREAT SHOUT FROM THE EAGER SPECTATORS, AND A GATE OPENED BEHIND HIM! WHIRLING, HE SAW TO HIS HORROR---



JUMPIN' JEHOSEPHAT!

THE STRONGEST BULL IN MY REALM, COWBOY SAHIB---LET US SEE YOUR STRENGTH NOW!

YES, HE'D WRESTLED MANY A STEER IN HIS LIFE---BUT NEVER ANYTHING LIKE THIS! AS THE MADDENED BULL CHARGED, HE KNEW ONLY THAT IT WAS FIGHT OR DIE! IT WAS THEN THAT RANGE-SHARPENED INSTINCTS TOOK OVER--CAUSING HIM TO LEAP AT THE LAST INSTANT FROM THE MONSTER'S PATH AND SEIZE THE MIGHTY HORNS---

IT WAS AN EPIC STRUGGLE, SUCH AS NEVER WAS SEEN IN ALL THE LONG HISTORY OF INDIA! AGAIN AND AGAIN, THE JUGGERNAUT CHARGED AROUND THE ARENA WITH ITS HUMAN BURDEN, BUT IT COULD NEVER FREE ITSELF FROM THE POWERFUL ARMS WHICH CLUNG TENACIOUSLY TO ITS HORNS! AT LAST, THE VICIOUS BEAST WEAKENED, ITS HEAD TWISTING UNDER THE POWER OF ITS DESPERATE ADVERSARY---



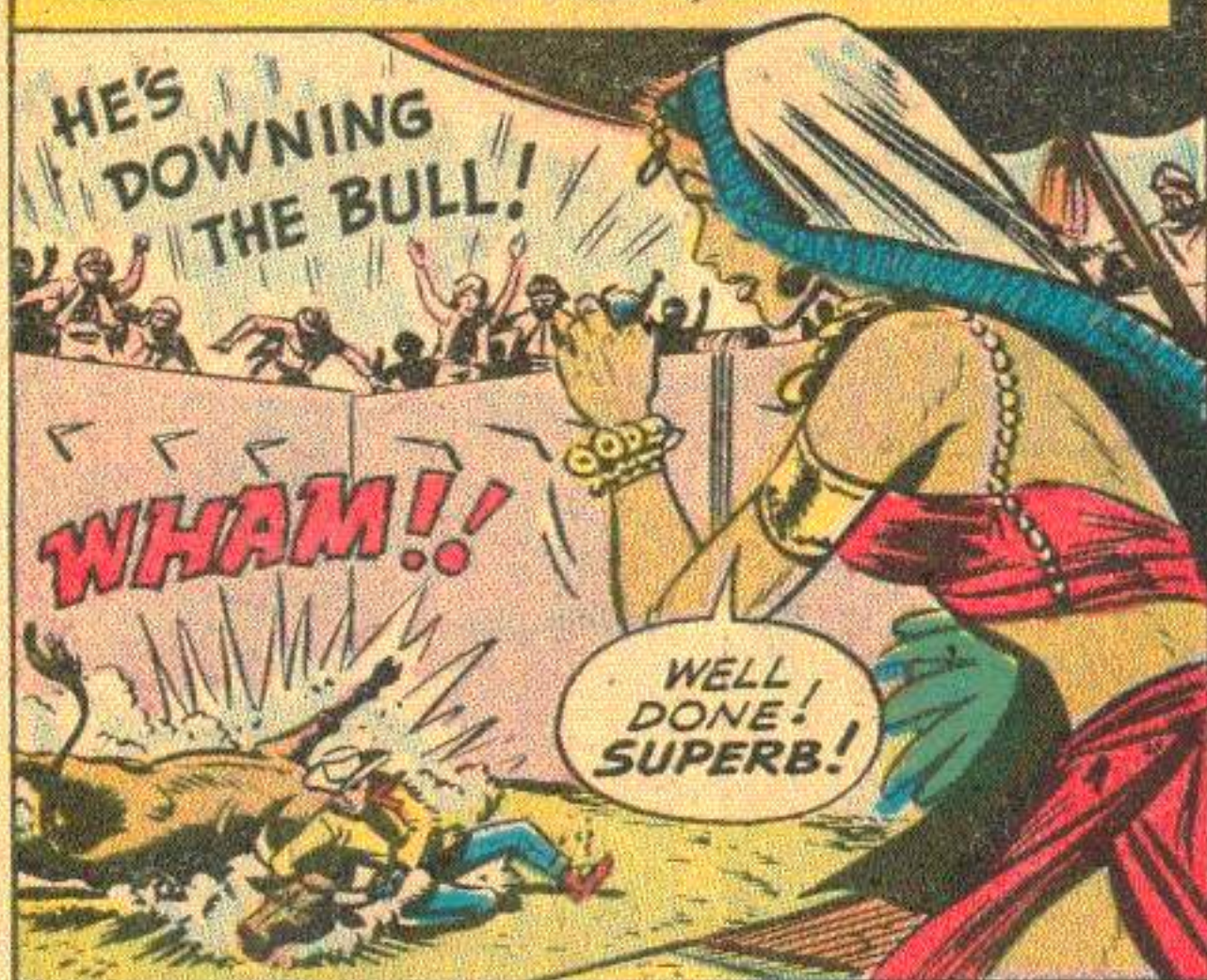
GOT TUH --HOLD ON--



I'M--- GITTIN' THE VARMIN'T---



HARDER AND HARDER, USING EVERY SINEW AND MUSCLE OF HIS LEAN FRAME, UNTIL ---



HE'S DOWNING THE BULL!

WHAM!!

WELL DONE! SUPERB!

THREE BULLETS---TO BRING DOWN THREE 600-POUND TIGERS! BUT COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS STRUGGLE, THIS WAS CHILD'S PLAY---



BAM!

BAM! BAM!

GR-ROWW!

GROGGILY, HIS EVERY NERVE FRAYED BY THE FANTASTIC ORDEAL, COWBOY SAHIB GOT TO HIS FEET! BUT THE CRUEL QUEEN'S QUEST FOR EXCITEMENT WAS NOT YET SLAKED---



YOU HAVE PROVED YOUR STRENGTH---NOW EXHIBIT YOUR SKILL! THERE ARE BUT THREE BULLETS IN YOUR GUN, SO USE THEM WELL! NOW...

LOOK! THE DOORS ARE OPENING!

THE CROWD WENT WILD, INCLUDING THE SAVAGE RANI HERSELF---



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SOON AFTERWARDS--IN THE ROYAL CHAMBERS---



I WOULD SPEAK WITH COWBOY SAHIB ALONE! MY TRAINED PANTHERS WILL PROVIDE FOR MY SAFETY SHOULD HE ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE!

YOUR WISH IS OUR COMMAND, GREAT ONE.

AS SOON AS THEY WERE ALONE, RANI'S ATTITUDE CHANGED! SHE SMILED--AND DREW CLOSE, WITH ADMIRATION IN HER EYES!



I'M STILL HANKERIN' TUH PALAVER ABOUT THAT HOOF AND MOUTH DISEASE, MA'AM!

YOU PLEASE ME, COWBOY SAHIB---AND

I WOULD SPEAK OF OTHER THINGS! LONG HAVE I SOUGHT A HUSBAND WORTHY TO SHARE MY THRONE--AND NOW, I HAVE FOUND HIM!

THANK YUH KINDLY, MA'AM-- BUT I DON'T AIM TUH HITCH UP WITH A GAL THAT JEST TRIED TUH KILL ME!

FOOL, I OFFER YOU A KINGDOM FAR GREATER THAN LARIJUNA. AND DO NOT FORGET THAT NOW I POSSESS THE RIGHT TO LARIJUNA'S THRONE!







CAREFULLY TAMPING THE POWDER INTO SHAPE WITH DAMP EARTH, THE CRUDE EXPLOSIVE WAS SET AT THE HINGE OF THE MASSIVE DOOR! A SMALL POWDER TRAIL ACTED AS A FUSE---



IN AN INSTANT, HE HAD CHARGED INTO THE SMOKE-FILLED CORRIDOR, BOWLING OVER THE DAZED GUARDS---



ACROSS THE COURTYARD TOWARDS THE ROYAL STABLES HIS SWIFT LEGS CARRIED HIM, WHILE THE STUNNED PALACE GUARDS ROUSED THEMSELVES TO PURSUIT--



BUT COWBOY SAHIB HAD NO INTENTION OF TRYING TO CRASH THE WELL-GUARDED GATES OF RANI'S PALACE! HE KNEW THE PROWESS OF HIS MIGHTY STALLION, AND---



THE SANKARAN HORSES WERE SWIFT, BUT NO MATCH FOR THE GREAT STEED THEY PURSUED--





BACK IN LARIJUNA, THERE WERE TROUBLES GALORE, THE PEOPLE HAVING BEEN FRANTIC WITH FEAR FOR THEIR MISSING RULER! BUT HE QUICKLY REINSTATED HIMSELF, AND GAVE THE NECESSARY ORDERS FOR DEALING WITH THE HOOF AND MOUTH DISEASE ---

WHAT OF THE INFECTED ANIMALS FROM SANKARA, GREAT ONE? IT WAS THERE THE PLAGUE STARTED!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT, KRISHNA-- I GOT A FEELIN' THAT'LL BE TAKEN CARE OF RIGHT QUICK!



THE VERY NEXT DAY, QUEEN RANI CROSSED THE BORDER OF LARIJUNA WITH A LARGE GUARD, BRANDISHING THE RING SHE HAD TAKEN FROM COWBOY SAHIB! THE SUPERSTITIOUS PEOPLE, THOUGH SICK AT HEART, BOWED DOWN IN FEAR BEFORE THE MYSTIC SYMBOL---

BEHOLD HOW THEY KNEEL ABJECTLY! WHAT SATISFACTION IT WILL BE TO TAKE OVER THE THRONE OF COWBOY SAHIB!



CONFIDENTLY, SHE RODE THROUGH THE GATES OF LARIJUNA'S CAPITAL, THEN INTO THE THRONE ROOM!

SO YOU DID NOT TRY TO ESCAPE, EH? GOOD! MY REVENGE WILL BE ALL THE SWEETER! SOLDIERS, SEIZE THE IMPOSTOR WHO SITS ON THE THRONE WHICH THIS RING MAKES MINE!

YUH'RE OVERPLAYIN' YORE HAND, GAL-- AN' WALKIN' RIGHT INTO MUH TRAP!



THIS HERE'S THE REAL RING--- WITH THE INSCRIPTION UNDERNEATH TUH PROVE IT! YUH GOT THE COPY! I'M AWFUL RILED UP, MA'AM --AN' YUH'D BETTER START ACTIN' AWFUL AGREEABLE ABOUT LETTIN' MUH MEN TAKE CARE OF THE PLAGUE ON YORE BORDERS! UNDERSTAND?

I--I BEG YOUR MERCY, PLEASE-- PLEASE!



DAYS LATER, WHEN THE NEEDFUL WORK HAD BEEN DONE, COWBOY SAHIB ESCORTED HIS ROYAL PRISONER TO THE BORDER OF THEIR TWO COUNTRIES---

YUH'VE GIVEN YORE WORD TUH BE A GOOD GIRL FROM NOW ON, RANI--AN' I'M WARNIN' YUH, I'M A MAN WHO RILES EASY! ADIOS, MA'AM.

FAREWELL, COWBOY SAHIB-- TILL WE MEET AGAIN!



AS THE SLIM FIGURE RODE INTO THE DISTANCE, A FIERCE HATRED WELLED UP IN THE SAVAGE QUEEN'S EYES!

HE WAS A FOOL TO LET ME LIVE, FOR I VOW TO HAVE HIS HEAD OR DIE! GATHER ALL MY LOYAL TRIBES TO ME! TELL THEM TO GIRD FOR WAR AGAINST COWBOY SAHIB! RANI, YOUR DIVINE, QUEEN, HAS ORDERED IT. AWAY, WITH ALL SPEED!



AND BACK IN LARIJUNA... UNAWARE THAT SANKARAN RIDERS WERE SCOURING THE MOUNTAINS, GATHERING A MIGHTY ARMY WITH WHICH TO OVERWHELM HIM--- COWBOY SAHIB DAYDREAMED---

YUP, RAJAH, SHE WAS A SHE-DEVIL-- BUT MIGHTY PRETTY!



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